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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited) under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship "ASIA," 1,705 Tons, 200 H.P., Commanding A. Gray, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 23rd July 1874, at 4 P.M.

July 1874.		August 1874.	
Leave BOMBAY	23	Leaves Madras	7
,, Cowar	25	,, Coconada	9
,, Carwar	26	,, Vizagapatam	10
,, Alleppy	29	,, Bimlipatam	10
,, Tuticorin	31	,, Gopalpore	11
,, Colombo	August 1	,, Palore Point	12
,, Galle	2	Arrives at CALCUTTA	14
,, Trincomalee	3		

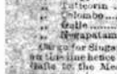
Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on the line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Messageries Maritime Company's Steamers, which correspondingly.

During the South-west Monsoon, viz., from 17th May 1874, to the end of August (exceptin at Carwar, it is uncertain whether communication can be maintained with the ports on the Malabar Coast, as the Steamers will however call at them whenever weather permitting. Passengers can almost always be landed at Nileswar, six miles north of Cochin, and at Alleppey.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, via KURRACHEE.



THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GWADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, LAIA, BUSHEAB, and occasionally at BAHREIN, KOWEIT, and MAHOMERAH.

The s. s. CALCUTTA, 163 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander J. Mackenzie, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 29th July, 1874, at 22 M.

July 1874.		August 1874.	
Leave BOMBAY	29	Leave BUSHEH	11
,, Kurrachee	Aug. 2	,, Fao	17
,, Gwadur	3	,, Mahomerah	17
,, Muscat	5	,, Bussorah	19
,, Bunder Abbas	7	,, Bahrein	19
,, Linga	9	,, Linga	24
,, Bushire	10	,, Bushire	25
,, Kowel	11	,, Muscat	27
,, Fao	12	,, Gwadur	29
,, Mahomerah	13	,, Kurrachee	Sept. 1
Arrive BUSHEH	14	Arrive BOMBAY	4

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, will during the Monsoon despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every WEDNESDAY, at 2 o'clock, and commence fortnightly on the 29th July current an extra steamer on every Saturday at the same hour.

The s.s. KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander T. Nairne, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd July 1874, at 2 P.M.

The Steam-ship CASHMERE, 1,082 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander R. L. Turner, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 25th July 1874, at 2 P.M.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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Hog Island	2	0	0	0	12	0	0	6	0
Colwa	2	0	0	0	12	0	0	6	0
Nerwa	2	0	0	0	12	0	0	6	0
Dhurrumtur	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	0

The Oorun, Hog Island, and Colwa Ferry Boat leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and returning leaves Colwa at 11 A.M.

The Nerwa and Dhurrumtur Ferry Boat leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 9-30 A.M., and returning leaves Dhurrumtur at 1 P.M.

J. A. SHUTTLEY.

No. [illegible] Meadow Street, Bombay, [illegible] 1873.

VIA SUEZ CANAL.

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This Vessel has very superior accommodation, and is fitted with Ice-house, Piano, Punkahs, &c., and also carries a Surgeon and Stewardess.

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Bombay, 25th June 1874.

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ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. BUEATINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA ... and BOMBAY on the 9th, and on the 1st *of each month.*

PASSENGERS, RATES,

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
To Aden	£22	£15	£4	Without food.
,, Suez	36	22	8	
,, Port Said	36	24	9	
,, Alexandria	36	25	9 10	
,, Messina	50	34	14	
,, Naples	60	34	14	
,, Leghorn	60	34	14	
,, Genoa	60	34	14	
,, Marseilles (transhipment at Genoa)	32	35	14-10	Including Wines.

Children under 3 years, free of charge. Children not above ten years, half fare.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY:—

"ARABIA," to sail on SATURDAY, 1st August 1874.

"INDIA," to sail on TUESDAY, 1st September 1874.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c., apply to

C. GRONDONA,

Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,

No. 9 Hunuman Street.

Bombay, 1st January 1874.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per s.s. ALPS, arrived from Liverpool and Glasgow, are requested to SEND the BILLS of LADING and DELIVERY ORDERS for our inspection and countersignature, and to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS from the Bunder.

No Claims for damage or short delivery will be admitted under any circumstances unless passed by the Captain before departure of the Vessel.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,

Agents s.s. Alps.

Bombay, 16th July 1874.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per s.s. MURIEL, arrived fr m LIVERPOOL, are requested to SEND their BILLS of LADING and DELIVERY ORDERS for our inspection and countersignature, and to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS from the Bunder.

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Agents s.s. Muriel

Bombay, 16th July 1874.

SURVEYING AND GENERAL AGENCY.

MR. E. MANOCKJEE is respectfully thanking his numerous CONSTITUENTS, both in Bombay and Outstations, for their patronage and support they have hitherto so kindly extended to him, and solicits the continuance of that support in both the supplying of their daily requirements as well as that of every description, such as Crockery, Furniture, Cookery, Wines, &c.

Receiving and Despatching Packages to and from Europe and India.

Crawford Market.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Friday, the 24th July, 1874, at 3 P.M., from Massaon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. MOOLTAN, 2,329 Tons, and 450 H.P., Captain A. Sinclair, will leave for Suez as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers, and Cargo for that Port, Brindisi, Venice, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Messina, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Piraeus, Odessa, Constantinople, Ancona, Havre, Lisbon, Oporto, London, and New York.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by rail, or by Canal, in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Cargo for Liverpool will be forwarded either direct or by Steamer to London or Southampton, and thence by rail or steamer.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Massaon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Manager, 3½ P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

F. D. PARKER,

Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 17th July 1874.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA AND JAPAN.

On Monday, the 27th July 1874, at 3 P.M., from Massaon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. MIRZAPORE, (3,763 tons and 600 H.P.,) Captain A. Parish, R.N.R., will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and having also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any bhest coupon, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before noon, on Friday, the 24th July.

F. D. PARKER, Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 13th July 1874.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY, 2, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

USUAL AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their rooms:

6 bales grey shirtings.
5 bales grey sheetings.
6 cases prints, 28 yards.

An invoice of electro-plated ware, consisting of chamber candlesticks, coffee sets, butter-waiters, pickle stands, 4, 5, and 6 bottles revolving cruet frames, 4, 5, and 6 bottles cruet frames, salt cellars, breakfast cruets, liquor frames, table spoons and forks, plain tablepieces, &c.

On account and at the risk of the indentor Dhunjeebhoy Nowrojee & Sons, Palermo—

B—DN—W—P—185	1 case	107 ft.	10 by 14 patent polished plate glass 1 inch thick.
186	1 ,,	105 ,,	9 by 12 ,, ,, ,,
187	1 ,,	111 ,,	8 by 10 ,, ,, ,,
188	1 ,,	105 ,,	7 by 9 ,, ,, ,,
189	1 ,,	117 ,,	113 ,, ,, ,,

SALE OF STEAM ENGINE.

THIS DAY MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms:

A portable Steam Engine, double cylinder of 10 to 12 horse power by the oel brated makers Clayton, Shuttleworth and Co.

SALE OF SHARES IN THE COLABA SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO-MORROW TUESDAY, the 21st inst., at 2 P. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction to the highest bidder the Shares in the Share Bazaar, on account and at the risk of Mr. Cowasjee Mooljee—

[illegible] Shares in the Colaba Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited, [illegible] Share paid up and numbered 187, 188, and 189.

SALE of Piece Goods at the Godowns of Messrs. W. and A. Graham and Co., in Parsee Bazaar Street, Fort.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 21st instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at the godowns of Messrs. W. and A. Graham and Co., in Parsee Bazaar Street, Fort, a large quantity of piece goods specified below:—

Grey Shirtings of various weights and widths.
,, T Cloth ,, ,,
,, Jaconets ,, ,,
7/8 white ground prints 28 yards.
8/8 ,, and colored prints 26 and 24 yards.
Dyed madapollams.
Various kinds of chintzes.
Various kinds of white and colored goods and damaged and mildewed goods.

AUCTION SALE OF THE VALUABLE LIBRARY OF THE LATE JOHN CONNON, Esq., AND OF THE LATE JAMES TAYLOR, Esq.

Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. have received instructions from the Administrator General, to dispose of by Public Auction, the valuable Libraries, belonging to the Estates of the deceased Gentlemen abovenamed. The Sale will be held on the 1st Floor of the Apollo Rooms, Apollo Street, Fort, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY next, the 22nd and 23rd days of July instant, commencing at 1 P.M. each day. Mr. Connon's Library comprises about 800 books, mostly relating to Law, and Mr. Taylor's about 600 books of General Literature.

Catalogues are ready, and the books are now on view.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY IN MOHAREE STREET AT MAHIM.

On THURSDAY next, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by public auction on the premises by order of the mortgagee Manoocherbaie widow of the late Gangadass Vijbhoocandass and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor Mr. Wasantrao Balmacund.

All that piece of land or cart known and commonly called by the name of Dharavady, together with the plantation of cocoanuts and other trees now standing and growa thereon, and the messuage or dwelling house thereon, situate on the south side of and fronting the Moharee street at Mahim, in the sub-district of Mazagon, in the Island of Bombay, registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 567 and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 57, containing by admeasurement 11206 1-9th square yards or thereabouts, and bounded on the east by the cart of the Manockbai widow of the Bomanjee, on the west by the public passage, on the north partly by the cart of the said Manockbai widow and partly by the public passage, and on the south by a public thoroughfare and which were formerly and are now in the occupation of Bahmoonah Abbaji.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the undersigned.

SALE OF SUPERIOR MOULMEIN TEAK SQUARES.

On FRIDAY next, the 24th instant, at 3 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at Tank Bunder:—

On account and at the risk of the first purchaser Adam Futtay Mahomed:—

250 Teak Logs.

On account and at the risk of the first purchaser Hurriba Tokaram:—

150 Teak Logs in small convenient lots to suit the requirements of purchasers.

SALE OF COTTON.

On SATURDAY next, the 25th day of July instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell, by Public Auction, at a godown in Doongree Cooly Street, in Mandvee, by order of Mr. Sewram Khoosaldass, and on account and at the risk of Messrs. Triumjee Velljee & Co.

1 Bale
500 Dhoras } Cotton.
12 Boras

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND AND BUNGALOWS AT MIDDLE COLABA.

Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions from the Administrator General to sell by Public Auction on the premises, on WEDNESDAY the 5th day of August next, at 4 P.M., the undermentioned valuable property belonging to the Estate of the late Bai Jerbai, widow of Nanabhoy Framjee Davur, Esq., viz.:—

All that piece of Government ground containing by admeasurement 2932 square yards, be the same a little more or less, together with the 3 messuages, dwelling-houses or bungalows, and outhouses standing thereon, situate, lying and being on the west side of the Public Road, leading from the Town to the Light House, in the subdistrict of Fort and Colaba, without the Fort of Bombay, which said piece of land is registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 20, and the messuages and bungalows are assessed under Nos. 13, 32 and 33, and bounded on the east by the Public Road above described, on the west by the seashore, on the north by the property of Cosmo Joseph De Souza, and on the south by the property of Cursetjee Ruttonjee Cooka. These premises have been leased to Mr. P. Byramjee, at a monthly rental of Rupees 225, and are occupied by him and his sub-tenants Mr. Vogal and Mr. [illegible].

For further particulars, conditions of sale and inspection of the title-deed and plan, applic tion may be made to the undersigned a week before the day of sale.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES CONSISTING OF LAND AND BUNGALOWS AT MALABAR HILL.

Under instructions from the Mortgagee Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., will, on TUESDAY, the 11th day of August next, at 4 P.M. sell by Public Auction on the premises, the undermentioned valuable properties on account and at the risk of the Mortgagor, Mr. Ramulla Cassumbhoy, Administrator of the Estate and Effects of the late Mr. Cassumbhoy Nathoobhoy, deceased, viz.:—

Lot No. 1.

All that piece of land containing by admeasurement 15,266 square yards or thereabouts, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 26 5-29 and 9-29 with the messuages, tenements, or two bungalows standing thereon, assessed by the Municipality under Nos. 100 and 101, formerly and now in the occupation of Thomas Fisher Punnett, Esq., and R. L. Crawford, Esq. (the first named Gentleman has since vacated the bungalow now in actual occupation of Gentleman's occupation) which said piece of land, messuages, and hereditaments, are situated on the south side of Mount Pleasant 2nd Road at Malabar Hill, in the sub-district of Bhoolehwur, in the Island of Bombay, and a e bounded on the East and South by public passages, on the North-west by the said Mount Pleasant 2nd Road, and on the North by property lately belonging to Narayen Dennanji, deceased.

Lot No. 2.

All that piece of land containing by admeasurement 18 123 square yards or thereabouts, registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 140 and 87 for Pension and Tax and Nos. 77 for ground rent and Survey Nos. 31, 30, and 29 with the messuage, tenement, or bungalow, and buildings thereon, assessed by the Municipality under No. 138, formerly and now in the occupation of R. V. Reid, Esq., which said piece of land, messuage and hereditaments are situated on the north side of Mount Pleasant 2nd Road at Malabar Hill, in the sub-district of Bhoolehwur, in the Island of Bombay, and bounded on the East by the property belonging to Mustafa Rasool Feejy, on the West partly by property belonging to Jeejeebhoy Hattiwalla, and partly by property belonging to A. D. Basoon, on the North by vacant ground, and on the South by the said Mount Pleasant 2nd Road.

For further particulars, conditions of sale, and inspection of plan, apply to the undersigned.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 20th July 1874.

SALES BY AUCTION.

JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE & COMPANY, No. 12 APOLLO STREET, FORT.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

On WEDNESDAY next, the 22nd instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE and Company will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, No. 12, Apollo Street, Fort, the following, viz.:—

Plated ware, consisting of tea sets, white copper teapots, plated pickle and cruet frames, decanter stands, soup-water plates with covers, knives and forks, sugar pots, &c., mostly gilt and coloured flower vases, China jars, bronze hanging and lamps and trays of sundry articles.

An Invoice of wood and gilted carte de visite frames, and toys, consisting of Alpaca [illegible] cigar steam boats, nigger dancing by steam, fishing [illegible] miscellaneous, &c.

1 Case containing gilted fancy pocket note-books of sizes.

Four cases of Tasmanian jams by G. Peacock's containing 100 tins in a case and each tin of 1 lb.

Furniture consisting of sideboards, sofa and reclining couches, screens, cradles, teakwood small round tables, iron folding cots, bedsteads folding and easy chairs, blackwood chairs with arms, dressing glasses, dispense tables, bathing tubs, meat safes, &c.

Also, a quantity of grey and coloured piece goods, such as grey shirtings, madapollams, lace nets, prints, scarfs, chintz, chollies, &c.

FOR SALE ON COMMISSION.

1 Patent Safe Chubb's Treasury Chest.
1 Rosewood Cottage Piano.
Photographic Artillery consisting of 1 mahogany camera, 7 by 8 by Bolton with 2 slides and 5 inner frames, and 1 full size portrait lens by Lerebours; 1 secretary; camera with long base for [illegible] camera, 1 lens by Ross 4 inches [illegible] portable colour box, 1 lot of Negatives [illegible].

JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE & Co.

Bombay, 20th July 1874.

BENNETT AND COMPANY, No. 4, FORBES STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES At Byculla, Bellasis Junction Road.

THIS DAY MONDAY, the 20th inst., at 5 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the Mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of Cawasjee Nowrowjee Lamna, the Mortgagor, the following landed Properties viz:—

Lot No. 1.

All that piece or parcel of Pazendarve land or ground, together with the messuage, tenement, upper-storied large dwelling house and 6 large stables, for horses standing thereon, situate at Bellasis Road, without the Fort, in the sub-district or Bhooleshwur, and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under Nos. 33 and 34 containing by admeasurement 9,381 7-9 square yards, or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and bounded on the east by a public passage, on the west by the property of Nowrowjee Nesserwanjee Lamna, on the north by the Jewish Synagogue, and on the south by the Bellasis Junction Road, the stable No. 33 is now in the occupation of a tenant at the monthly rental of Rs. 200, and the house No. 34 is now in the occupation of a tenant at the monthly rental of Rs. 30, making a total monthly rental of Rs. 230.

Lot No. 2.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.

All that piece or parcel of Pazendarve land or ground, together with the messuage, tenement, or upper storied large bungalow, cook-house, garden, well, and compound standing thereon, situate at Bellasis Junction Road, without the Fort, in the sub-district of Bhooleshwur, assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 32, containing by admeasurement 1,924 8-9 square yards, or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and bounded on the east and west by the property of the late Nowrowjee Nowrojee Lamna, or lot No. 1 and No. 3, on the north by the Jewish Synagogue, and on the south by the Bellasis Junction Road, and is now in the occupation of Telegraph branch office on the ground floor at Rs. 80 per month, and up-stairs tenant at Rs. 65 per month, yielding the monthly rental of Rs. 95.

Lot No. 3.

TO-MORROW TUESDAY, the 21st instant, on the premises at 3 p.m., at Byculla, Bellasis Junction Road.

All that piece or parcel of Pazendarve land or ground, together with the messuage, tenement, or large upper-storied dwelling-house, cook-house, compound, and 3 large sheds for stables standing thereon, situate at Bellasis Road, without the Fort, in the subdistrict of Bhooleshwur, assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 30, 30, and 31, containing by admeasurement 5,671 3-9 square yards, or thereabouts, and bounded on the east by the property of Nowrojee Nusserwanjee Lamna, on the west by the property of Cassubhoy Nathoy Reid, on the north by the Jewish Burial Ground, and on the south by the Bellasis Junction Road. Monthly rental Rs. 135, partly now vacant.

Lot No. 4.

On TUESDAY, the 21st instant, on the premises, at 4 P.M.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, together with the messuage, tenement, or upper-storied large dwelling house, standing thereon, situate and lying at Mahim, in the sub-district of Bhooleshwur, assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 23, and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 541, containing by admeasurement 201 3-9 square yards, or thereabouts more or less, and bounded on the east by the house of Bhugwan Dyaram Carpenter, on the west by the property of Hamabai, widow of Nowrojee Nusserwanjee Lamna, on the south by Tank Street, and on the north by the said Bellasis Road, monthly rental Rs. 35.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 20th July 1874.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BOMBAY FOOTBALL CLUB.—The MATCH for THIS EVENING is GRIFFINS (under three years here) versus NON-GRIFFINS.

W. M. TENNENT,

Honorary Secretary.

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HOUSEHOLD CLARET.

A shipment of this fine WINE has just been received, and the Undersigned are now bottling it. It is, as usual, in excellent order.

Per Dozen .... Rs. 10 0

JULES MUMM'S CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, Per Case .. Rs. 40
Pints, ,, ,, .. ,, 42

D. S. KEMP & CO., 7, ELPHINSTONE CIRCLE, BOMBAY.

J. NEUBERG, BOMBAY.

JUST LANDED A FRESH SUPPLY OF GERMAN WINES.

STILL HOCK.

		Rs.
MARCOBRUNNER	per doz. quarts	35
LIEBFRAUMILCH	,, ,,	32
Ditto	,, pints	17
RAUENTHALER	,, quarts	24
RUDESHEIMER	,, ,,	22
Ditto	,, pints	12
NIERSTEINER	,, quarts	20
BODENHEIMER	,, ,,	16
OPPENHEIMER	,, ,,	20
GIESENHEIMER	,, ,,	18
Ditto	,, pints	10
RIESLING	,, quarts	10

5 per Cent. Discount on taking 5 Dozens.
10 ,, ,, 10 ,,

FOR CONSUMPTION IN HOT CLIMATES NO OTHER WINES CAN SUBSTITUTE, AND VERY FEW CAN EQUAL, GERMAN WINES.

CLARET.

		Rs.
MEDOC VIEUX, Breakfast Wine	per doz. quarts	10
Ditto ditto	,, pints	6
PAUILLAC, superior quality	,, quarts	12
Ditto ditto ditto	,, pints	6-8
MARGAUX, Dinner Wine	,, ,,	9
St. JULIEN, ditto ditto superior	,, ,,	10

SAUTERNES, SUPERIOR QUALITY.

Per dozen Quarts Rs. 20.

SPARKLING MOSELLE.

NONPAREIL ... per doz. quarts Rs. 24
Ditto ... ,, pints ,, 15

PORT WINE, VERY SUPERIOR, OLD, FULL-BODIED, Rs. 24 per dozen.

SHERRIES, FROM BUTLER AND S HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

		Rs.
Red Seal, Pale, Dry	per doz.	21
Green Seal, Pale, Dry, superior	,,	27
Red Seal, Rich Brown	,,	33
Yellow Seal, Pale, very Dry, rare fine	,,	18
"Xeres," by direct importation	,,	[illegible]

PRICE LISTS FORWARDED ON APPLICATION.

J. NEUBERG, MEADOW STREET, BOMBAY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TREACHER AND COMPANY (LIMITED) have for sale a parcel of very fine old HOLLANDS GENEVA, many years in bottle. To Connoisseurs and Consumers of this Spirit they can confidently recommend the above.

Per Case of 12 Flasks, Rs. 13-8 Cash.

BOMBAY, BYCULLA, AND POONA.

BEBAR COTTON GINNING AND PRESS COMPANY (Limited).—The following SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS were passed at an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company held at the Registered Office of the Company on the 3rd of June 1874, and continued at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 3rd of July 1874 viz:—

1.—That this Company be wound up voluntarily.

2.—That Mr. John Rodewald Bythell be, and he is hereby, appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such voluntary winding up, and that his remuneration as such Liquidator be the payment to him of the sum of Rupees One Thousand (such remuneration to be exclusive of all [illegible] for costs, charges and expenses which he may [illegible] as such Liquidator aforesaid).

3.—Whereas it is utmost [illegible] that a new Company to be called the NEW [illegible] Company," with a Capital (which may be altered [illegible] Five Lacs of Rupees divided into One Thousand Shares of Rupees Five Hundred each, and to transact the business [illegible] Company, [illegible] Assets of this Company, in [illegible] Company assuming all the liabilities of this Company, and from the 30th of June 1873, and allotting to this Company Six Hundred Shares in the New Company (on each of which the sum of Rupees Five Hundred shall be credited as paid), and Two Hundred Shares in the New Company (the Calls on which will be hereafter payable), and that the same shall be distributed amongst the Shareholders of this Company in manner following, that is to say:—

Shareholders in the Company shall receive in exchange for each of their Original Two Thousand Rupees Shares (together with the Five Hundred Rupees Shares of Bonus heretofore issued) Three Shares in the New Company. These

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SATURDAY EVENING, 18TH JULY 1874.

THE Liverpool Cotton Market to-day opened and closed quiet but unchanged, Surats heavy, sales 10,000 bales, imports 2,000.

Consols have declined ¼, being now quoted at 92¼; French Rentes are unaltered at 97½; and Bar Silver 59d. per oz.

Reuter's closing telegram of yesterday gives a summary of the American Agricultural Bureau's report for July on the growing cotton crop, to the effect that "the condition is from 8 to 13 per cent. above that of June, and generally better than in the corresponding month of 1873." This report is undoubtedly very favourable, more so perhaps than was generally expected, and confirms the private advices received lately as to the fine weather prevailing in the States. A full crop now becomes almost a certainty, as the plants by this time have acquired sufficient strength to withstand any but the most adverse weather, and if the remainder of the season continues as favourable, the question may be, not whether the yield may be four but four and a half millions. In either case it must be admitted that the tenor of the report takes away almost the only chance of any material improvement in the value of cotton for a time, all other leading influences at the moment being directly adverse. The official figures evidence a worse position every week, not so much in the matter of stocks, as in the very reduced demand both for home consumption and export—the actual sales this week being only 64,000 bales as against 71,230 on the corresponding week last year, a comparative falling off which has been maintained for some time back. Nor is there much hope of an increased consumption, a good harvest may possibly lead to a rather better home trade, but as against that it must be borne in mind, that not only the Indian, but all the other large foreign markets are depressed at present by excessive supplies. The fact is that we have now reached a point when the production of cotton is, and seems likely to continue, more than sufficient for the consumption, and a recurrence to a permanently lower level of prices seems, therefore, highly probable. In Surat descriptions this will be the more marked from their not being, like American, a necessity of the trade, and as such always saleable at a price; on the contrary the production of Surat goes on increasing while consumption falls off as the value of American declines. We have pointed out for some time back the probability of the margin between American and Surat increasing, to the disadvantage of the latter, and this week the movement has apparently commenced, the difference since last Friday having increased by ¼d. per lb., while during the next two months ready supplies of American will be tending towards their minimum for the year at the same time that Surats will be increasing in stock, and even should Mid Orleans be maintained at the present price of 8¾d, Fair Dholleras may touch 4½d.

The following figures show the visible supply of cotton in and afloat for the U. K. on the 17th instant as compared with last week and the corresponding date last year, viz. :—

	1874.	Last week.	1873.
Stock in Liverpool	1,504,000	1,600,000	797,330
„ London	127,000	147,250	209,740
American afloat	50,000	50,000	111,000
East Indian „	*360,000	420,000	845,000
	1,571,000	1,537,250	1,553,070

* Doubtful.

	d.	d.	d.
Price of Mid Orleans	8¾	8¾	9
„ Fair Dholleras.....	5¾	5¾	5¾
Difference...	3	3	3¼

The comparative American figures for the week are as follows :—

	1874.	Last week.	1873.
Week's Receipts.....	9,000	10,000	14,700
Do. Exports to U.K..	2,000	14,000	22,000
Do. do. Continent...	.....	10,000	5,000
Total Receipts since 1st September	3,743,000	.....	3,333,700
Total Exports to U.K. since 1st Sept.	1,791,600	.....	1,339,000
Total exports to Continent since 1st Sept.	91,000	.....	191,000
Stock at the Ports	260,000	.....	191,000

Friday's Piece Goods Market in Manchester was again dull at previous prices. The statement of the Exports of Goods for the fortnight show moderate supplies for Bombay and Madras, but the figures for Calcutta are again heavy, and in excess of the average consumption.

Business here to-day has been quite a blank, not a single important operation of any kind having been reported.

STERLING EXCHANGE is nominally unaltered, but the tendency is unmistakably downward and a further decline is looked for in the course of the week. Rose is there anything apparently in the moment to prop it up—money is abundant, there is nothing doing in exports, and next month sees the commencement of the increased Council drawings. It is of little use to be prophesying to anticipate the extent of the coming decline, but well informed people expect it to be 1s. for 4 months' sight bank bills as very probable. To-day's nominal quotations for six month' sight paper are:—Banks 1s. 10¾d.; Credits 1s. 10¾d.; Documents 1s. 10 7/16d. per rupee.

In GOVERNMENT PAPER we have not heard of any actual transactions, and we therefore merely repeat yesterday's orders, at which however there are buyers but no sellers, viz.:—Fours Rs. 104½; Fours and a half Rs. 106¼; Fives and a half Rs. 110.

THE STOCK MARKET is firm but not specially active. Bank of Bombays are rather higher, but other shares show no material change.

COTTON is dull and unaltered.

FREIGHTS are depressed with almost no enquiry at £2-10 to £2-12-6 for sailing vessels, and 42s to £2-1-3 for steamers.

RUPEES of all kinds stagnant without change in value.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Paid up.	Last Quotation.	Names.	Cash Value per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.
100,000	100	all	Agra Bank	90
25,000	500	all	Bank of Bengal	140
15,000	500	all	Do. of Bombay New	180
10,000	500	250	Do. 2nd Issue	5125
4,000	1,000	500	Do. of Madras	500
10,000	250	all	Chartered Mercantile Bk of L. & China	430
12,000	250	all	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	400 pm
20,000	500	all	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	475
10,000	250	100	National Bank of India	99
4,000	250	all	Oriental Bank	60

PRESS COMPANIES.

No. of Shares	Paid up.	Last Quotation.	Names.	Cash Value per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.
200	2,500	all	Asian Cotton Press Co.	1,200
200	2,500	1,100	Albert Co. Ramchee	650
100	500	all	25 Albert Ginning Co.	500
250	2,000	850	Nil. Alexandra Press Co.	225
150	10,000	all	Apollo Press Co.	1,400
200	2,500	all	Bear Cotton G. & P. Co	1,650
170	2,000	all	200 Bombay Press Co.	1,000
200	500	all	50 p.a. Do. New	225
150	1,000	1,000	100 Broach Cotton Co.	1,000
100	1,500	...	Canton Company	500
150	1,000	all	Carnac Press Co.	1,000
100	2,000	all	Do. Press Co.	2,000
120	2,000	all	200 Colaba Press Co.	1,000
200	1,000	all	100 Commercial Press Co.	900
200	500	all	100 p.a. Crescent Press Co.	150
150	5,000	5,000	75 p.a. Dharamsey Press Co.	5,000
200	2,000	1,000	100 Empress Press Co.	1,000
600	2,000	2,000	... Imperial Press Co.	2,000
120	2,000	750	125 p.a. Mofussil Press & C. Co.	900
600	2,000	2,000	... Native Press Manuf. Co., Ld.	1,600
120	2,000	750	125 p.a. Princess of Wales Press	1,000
200	1,000	all	100 Rassoon's Press Co.	1,000
400	500	250	125 p.a. Scinde Press Co.	400
100	1,000	750	... Scinde and Punjab Times Co. Limited	1,000
120	1,500	1,000	75 p.a. Victoria Press, Madras	850
150	500	all	50 p.a. Vis. C.A. Gin & Press Co.	550
400	500	all	50 p.a. Wilcock's United Press Co.	1,175

* Rs. 250 for the half year.

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

600	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Alliance Spinning Co.	1,000
1,000	500	all	50 p.a.	Bombay Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Bombay Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Bombay United Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Commercial Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Do. New	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Dowlut Cotton Mills	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Elphinstone Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Hastings Mills	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Manockjee Petit Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Oriental Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Soorjee Vallabhdass Mills	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Standard Cotton Mills	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Swadeshi Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Tyabjee Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Victoria Mills	1,000
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Western India Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	1,000

* Rs. 1,000 for the half year.

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

£20	100	21	5 p.a.	G. I. P. Railway Ordinary shares	21
£20	100	21	5 p.a.	Do. do. Extension	21
£10	100	10	5 p.a.	Do. New Shares	10
£100	100	100	5 p.a.	Do. Debentures	100
£10	£10	10	5 p.a.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	10
£100	100	100	5 p.a.	Do. New Shares	100

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	1,000	all	Rs. 50 p.a.	Colaba Land Co.	1,515
1,000	100	all	Nil.	Elphinstone Land and Press Co. Ld.	150
1,000	4,000	4,000	400 p.a.	Mahalakshmi Land	4,000
6,000	1,000	all	100 p.a.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	1,000

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

H. M. S. RIFLEMAN, 420 tons, Captain S. Tuke, sailed on Saturday last for Trincomalee.

THE BARQUE MONTE VIDEO, 350 tons, Captain J. Metane, sailed on Saturday last for Mauritius, with a general cargo.

THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAMER DIDO, from Trieste, left Aden for Bombay on Friday last, and the same Company's steamer Oreste arrived at Aden from Bombay on Saturday evening and left yesterday for Trieste.

THE S. S. ELDORADO, arrived in Madras roads on Thursday last from London with the following passengers :—

For Madras.—Mr. J. Thomson, Mr. W. M. Acoy and 5 syahs. For Calcutta.—Mr. W. Hannan, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Lewis, Master Lewis and one ayah, Mr. Congdon, Mr. Mathews, Mrs. Mathews, Mr. Stone, Miss Alice Foster, Mrs. Francis and Mr. Platts.

Disembarked at Colombo.—Mr. Cecil Wilkinson, Mrs. M. Donison, Mr. Martyn, Miss Henry, Messrs. Gwathin, C. F. Thurston D. Guthrie Thomson, W. F. Mackenzie, Fraser, J. Tyers, Herbert, Loftus, Vidal, H. T. Bell, Charles Grant, Boer, Thos. Frator Robert Ross and Gordon, and two Misses Cartley.

DEPARTURES.

July.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
18	H. M. S. Rifleman	Tuke	Trincomalee.
	Mont Video	Metane	Mauritius.

The following vessels were entered out for loading on Saturday last :—

Steamer Kurrachee, to Kurrachee.
Steamer Asia, to Coast and Calcutta &c.

CALCUTTA.

July. ARRIVALS.

14 Coromada (s) ..... Sharp ..... Akyab, July 6.
Arabia (s) ..... Hart ..... Moulmein, July 4.
Samuel Josephain.. Merril ..... Boston, April 17.
Medusa ..... Burbridge ..... Sonapore, June 11.
Clingalese ..... Robson ..... Melbourne, May 23.
15 Enmore (s) ..... Holman ..... Liverpool, May 30.
Royal George ..... Brown ..... Liverpool, April 8.

July. DEPARTURE.

15 Bangalore (s) ....

MADRAS.

July. ARRIVALS.

15 David G. Fleming... ..... Bimlipatam.
Mecca (s) .... Rangoon and N. ports.
... . London.
Malwana (s) .... Galle and ... dockyard.

July. DEPARTURES.

11 Good Hope (s) .... London.
17 Melmau (s) .... Calcutta.

DAILY IMPORTS—18TH JULY.

FROM LIVERPOOL

Muriel s, 5 casks iron chains, 2 casks screws, 5 plates iron, 21 bars angle iron, 66 bars iron, and 10 cases iron rivets Hurridass Jairam; some cases cast steel, Khimjee Jeeva.

Yeddo s, 26 cases sherry, J. M. Moola.

FROM LONDON.

Strathclyde s, 5 cases tobacco, 5 cases stationery, 2 cases perfumery, 3 casks blacking &c., the London A. and A Company.

FROM NEW YORK.

Electra, 56 packages glassware, and 1,900 cases kerosine oil, Bell Brandenburg and Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—18TH JULY.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Aztecs, 11 bales wool, S. Tyebjee and Co.
Caledonian s, 1,000 bundles myrabollams, Ralli Brothers; 63 bales wool, Hurjeewan Vasonjee and Vasonjee Dwarkund; 28 bales cotton and 33 bales wool, Shamjee Narroonjee and Co.
Yeddo s, 55 bales cotton, Samjee Mooljee; 63 bales cotton, Jairam Dayal; 72 bales cotton, Heerjee Nagsee and Co; 148 bales cotton, Vurdhmon Poonoee and Co; 40 bales cotton, Heerjee Veerdore.
Emblehope s, 75 bales cotton, Baldewdass Damoder.
Muriel s, 3,500 bags wheat, Ritchie Stewart and Co; 200 bales cotton, A. Trading Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Arabia s, 33 bags poppy seed, Alsen Riebe and Co.

FOR NEW YORK.

Ohanronald, 25 bags linseed, Ralli Brothers.

VESSELS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

304 Aztecs, Milne—The Captain.
635 Boldon, Lashbrooke—The Captain.
1084 George Gilroy, Ferguson—Finlay, Muir & Co.
994 Marian Moore, Stephen—Mr. Macintosh.

FOR NEW YORK.

999 Benvenue, MacGowan—W. Nicol & Co.
1185 Clanronald, Erskine—Finlay, Muir & Co.
1263 Montona, Sleighholm—Finlay, Muir & Co.

FOR MAURITIUS.

317 Mercia, Gibson—McCulloch, Browne & Co.

FOR PENANG AND SINGAPORE VIA COAST.

1116 Lord Clyde, Ellis—Rustomjee Framjee.

FOR CALCUTTA.

... Sharp, Akyab.
... Hart, Moulmein.
... Merril, Boston.
... Burbridge, Sonapore.
... Robson, Melbourne.
... Holman, Liverpool.
... Brown, Liverpool.
... Steamer, Calcutta.
... Steamer, Calcutta.
... Steamer, Calcutta

TEST INTELLIGENCE.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

ROWING FOR THE RAJAH OF SINGAPORE'S CUP.

LONDON, 17TH JULY.

Rowing for the cup presented by the Rajah of Singapore was concluded yesterday at Putney when the English team were declared victors, they having scored 33½ points, Canada scored 23½, and Canada 15½.

THE CESSION OF THE FIJI ISLANDS.

LONDON, 18TH JULY.

Carnarvon has announced that the terms for the cession of Fiji are unacceptable, but England is willing to accept the cession annually.

LONDON, 18TH JULY.

Intelligence has been received that the ss. Louisiana has been wrecked off Ras Hafoon. The crew and passengers are saved.

FRANCE.

THE COMMITTEE OF THIRTY AND BILLS.

PARIS, 18TH JULY.

The Bill drafted by the Committee of Thirty and submitted on the 15th inst. to the National Assembly for approval causes universal dissatisfaction.

Dissensions exist among the Ministry relative to the general policy and the prosecution of M. Rouher. M. Fourton, Minister of the Interior, has resigned.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

LONDON, 17TH JULY, NOON.

This Week's Sales of Cotton	64,000	bales.
" " Surats	17,000	"
" " Imports of Cotton	70,000	"
" " Surats	48,000	"
" Stock of Cotton	1,004,000	"
" " Surats	260,000	"

There has been less enquiry for Surats during the week at 5 7/16d. to 5d. lower.

LONDON, 17TH JULY, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed dull. Surats heavy.

The London Cotton Market has been dull and drooping.

Fair Dhollera, 5¼d.

The Manchester market has been quiet but unchanged.

7 lbs. Shirtings	7s. 11d.
8⅛ lbs. do	8s. 9d.
40's Mule Twist	1s. 0¼d.
3 per cent. Consols, for account	92¾
5 per cent. French Rente, 1872	97½
Bar Silver	58 7/16

The Agricultural Bureau at Washington have issued their report for the month of July, showing the condition of the cotton crop to be from 8 to 13 per cent. above that of June, and better generally than in the corresponding month of 1873.

WRECK OF THE S.S. TENASSERIM AND SHIP ROYAL FAMILY.

We have been favoured with the following particulars by the Bombay Government :—

The Resident at Aden reports as follows by telegraph :—Wreck of Tenasserim, 1,746 tons, left Rangoon on June 13th, in North Bight, Ras Hafoon, South Guardafui, which occurred July 7th, midnight. Kwangtung has gone to rescue of crew and five passengers. Also reports total wreck of Royal Family, with 1,830 tons of coal, six miles south of Guardafui on July 11th. All hands arrived at Aden.

THE BANGALORE RACES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

BANGALORE, 18TH JULY.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY.

GRAND STAND STAKES.

The Secret	1
Stanwell	2

PRODUIN HANDICAP.

Minimaster	1
Lowswater	2
Sadik	3

WALER PURSE.

Timbertop	1
Videlta	2

GALLOWAY PURSE.

Anmesly	1
Saladin	2
Chieftain	3

LADIES' PURSE.

Crown Prince	1
Rufus	2

CHARGER STAKES.

Warwick	1
Autocrat	2
Jorrocks	3

MR. H. J. REYNOLDS assumed office as Secretary to the Government of Bengal on the 14th instant.

It is finally settled, a Calcutta paper tells us, that the Government of India will go to Simla next year.

MR. JOHN FERRIE has been appointed Consular Delegate for Italy at Bassein, in the place of Mr. F. Dieckmann, resigned.

THE Directors of the Bank of Bengal, at their meeting on Thursday, reduced the rates of interest and discount ½ per cent. all round.

THE young Rajah of Bijnee, an Assamese Chief, is now in Calcutta, and was present at the Viceroy's Evening Party on Wednesday last. The party was a select one.

MAJOR-GENERAL SHEE arrived at Galle on the 2nd of July, and proceeded on the 4th to Colombo to take over the duties of Commander-in-Chief at Ceylon from Major-General Renny.

THE Lieutenant-Governor of the N. W. Provinces has directed that the title of Assistant Civil Surgeon of Allahabad be discontinued, and that the officer so called shall in future be styled Joint Civil Surgeon of Allahabad.

FROM New Zealand comes a rumour of the probable outbreak of hostilities amongst the natives of the Bay of Islands owing to a dispute as to the right to dig for Kauri gum on certain lands. All Europeans had been cautioned by the Chief of one of the tribes not to interfere.

CAPTAIN P. D. HENDERSON has been appointed Political Resident at Cashmere. His place as Foreign Under-Secretary will be filled, we are told, by a North-West Civilian. By a thorough mastery of Persian, by hard work and valuable service, this Madras Captain of Cavalry, says the *Pioneer*, has earned his promotion.

A LETTER from Mussoorie, in the Agra paper, announces that Lieutenant-Colonel J. K. Couper, Superintendent of the Stud Department, is to succeed Colonel Turnbull in the Army Clothing Department. In Calcutta the impression is that Colonel B. Walton, at present Military Storekeeper, will succeed to the Clothing Agency.

INFORMATION has been received from Ladakh, under date 6th instant, that the party of the Yarkand Mission under Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon left Leh for Cashmere on the third. Six of the Tartar coolies employed with the Yarkand Mission died on the return journey, four from exposure on the passes and two by drowning.

A REPORT, says the *Indian Daily News*, has been current during the past few days that Mr. G. B. W. Lewis, late of the Theatre Royal, Calcutta, has committed suicide by shooting himself. It is mentioned only as a rumour, and it is also stated that Belen Cuba, the equestrienne of Chiarini's Circus, has been killed by a fall from her horse.

THE heat in Peshawur is said to be unbearable. Since the 13th June there has been no rain. The *kafila* which was going to Cabul has been obliged to halt at Tatra, about ten kos from Peshawur. Four or five men of the *kafila* died from sunstroke. Grain is cheap in Peshawur, and fruits are plentiful and much cheaper than in preceding years.

THE name of the man of H. M.'s 22nd Regiment who committed suicide at Hazarebaugh on the morning of the 10th instant by shooting himself was James Moore. He has been for some years past employed in the tailor's shop, and was a man of somewhat morose temperament and bad temper. His conduct since arrival in India is reported to have been good.

INFORMATION has been conveyed to the Madras Government of the discovery of a shoal with only five fathoms water on it, bearing S. E. from Hope Island Light-house, and distant nineteen miles. Commanders of vessels are warned to be cautious when in the vicinity of this newly-reported danger, and are requested to use every means for verifying its position.

THE *Madras Athenæum* learns on good authority that the Viceroy will visit Madras in December next. Miss Baring is also expected to arrive at the same time from England. Lord Hobart returns to Madras late in September or early in October. The Viceroy will visit Ooty, and from thence take a tour through the Wynaads, accompanied by H. E. the Governor.

ON Monday last the defamation case, instituted against Mr. Williams, came on for hearing at Vyzabad, and the Deputy Commissioner was obliged to hold his Court in the Municipal Hall, in order to afford accommodation to the public. Nearly the whole day was spent in examining Mr. Williams, whose evidence is said to be very interesting and to throw light on many important points.

A RESOLUTION has been issued by the Government of India to the effect that from the 1st of August the reduction of rates for the carriage by rail of food-grains resolved upon on the 1st November 1873 will cease, and the railway companies concerned in the Resolution of 1st November may discontinue the rate of 5th pie per maund per mile for food-grains, and revert to the rates in force on their respective lines.

A SPECIAL TELEGRAM to the *Ceylon Times* says—"H. M. S. Glasgow left for Mauritius on the 8th instant."—H. M. S. Briton arrived here a few days ago and is undergoing slight repairs. She will leave for Rangoon and other stations shortly :—On Saturday three sailors went out on a shooting excursion and shot three natives. Fortunately their guns were loaded with shot, and the men were only slightly injured.

THE undermentioned Specifications of Inventions have been filed in the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces :—"Improvements in obtaining fibre from rhea and such like plants, and in machinery to be used for that purpose :" by John Cameron Graham, of Shalford, in the county of Surrey, England.—"An electro-magnetic self acting punkah :" by H. Vacher.

A MARWARRIE in Calcutta, as we related a few days since, stands charged with offering a bribe of Rs. 500 to Captain Stewart, a marine surveyor, with a view to induce the latter to certify that a wretchedly old American vessel, the Alabama, is "seaworthy," and a good insurance vessel which she "is not." Referring to which the *Indian Mirror* viciously says—"We had hitherto an idea that such cases were confined to Bombay alone."

WE have received the programme of the eighth annual meeting of the Hydrabad Rifle Association, which is appointed to take place on Wednesday, the 19th August, and following days, at Trimulgherry, by permission of Major-General Blake, commanding the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force. It includes 31 contests for all arms of the service, Native and European. The prizes offered amount to nearly Rs. 2,500, besides some pool-firing, the results of which will, of course, be regulated by the entries.

THE law-brokers of Calcutta have made a final attempt to establish a footing for themselves in the Small Cause Court by addressing a petition to the Judges, which has now received the final reply of their Honours' refusing to accede to their prayer. The public and all the respectable practitioners of the Court are to be congratulated on thus getting rid of a body of men whose principal object was to foment disputes and encourage false suits from which they alone derived any substantial benefit, though others suffered much annoyance.

THE Australians, it would appear from the subjoined, are by no means satisfied with the working of the P. and O. Company. The *Sydney Morning Herald* says—"Although the P. and O. Company have gone to the expense of putting on a special branch steamer for the purpose of accommodating the Sydney trade, they are not working it so as to secure the continuance in their hands of the mail business. Our Postmaster-General detained the outward mails last week for the A. S. N. Co.'s steamer Alexandra, instead of sending them a day previously by the Ellora. The mails previously received from Melbourne would have been delivered six hours earlier had they been sent by one of the colonial steamers, instead of waiting for the P. and O. Co.'s vessel. Passengers and shippers, except those to whom time is no object, are likely to desert a company which seems to think that on this coast dilatoriness is of no importance."

PRICES of grain have been falling in the Tajpore, Hajipore, and Sudder sub-divisions of Tirhoot. This effect is of course attributable partly to the production, in consequence of the good prospects of the coming harvest, of stocks hitherto kept on hand. Indeed, in parts of the Sudder sub division, the price of grain in the bazaars fell below the rates at which Government grain was being sold. In spite of all that the world has heard to the contrary, there must have been a considerable amount of seed-grain in the hands of even the poorest people in Tirhoot. Thus, we are informed that the relief superintendent in a certain circle of Muzuffurpore has not been able to discover a single instance of ground being left uncultivated for want of seed-grain. The ryots, if they choose, might have been provided with seed-grain from the depots, but they would have none of it. They had plenty of their own, and preferred rice which, no doubt, they have been liberally supplied with.

THE officiating Assistant Traffic Manager at Umballa gives the following explanation respecting a mishap on the S. P. & D. Railway near Sirsawa, which had been exaggerated by a report published in the first instance in the *Pioneer* and was subsequently copied in other newspapers :—"On the 3rd instant, the axle of a guards' waggon, attached to a goods train going way between Sirsawa and Jagadhri station, a little above Saharunpore ; the waggon was dragged for about half-a-mile, causing great damage to the permanent way and necessitating that portion of the line being taken up. With the exception of about an hour's delay, in transferring the passengers of the up and down mail trains on the night of the 3rd, no other delay has taken place in the traffic, the line having been repaired on the morning of the 4th. I may mention that the rains have not in any way interfered with the running of trains, nor is there any likelihood of anything of this sort occurring this year."

A CALCUTTA paper hears that measures on an extensive scale are going on in Elambazar, in Beerbhoom ; a road from that place to Doobrajpore has been commenced, and is nearing completion. Cotton is given to all women in distress and thread is taken from them, paying them for their labour. The weavers, who are in great distress, are supplied with the above thread, and coarse strong cloth is taken from them in return, which is distributed among the poor who are in need of clothing. Rice and pice are distributed among those who are without means of support. All these are done with Government funds, but the whole management is left to Messrs. Farquharson & Co., indigo planters of Elambazar, who are carrying on the whole work with praiseworthy tact and zeal. No complaint is made by the sufferers, and where every one is doing his best, it would be invidious to single out any one for praise ; but a word of commendation is due to Baboo Indro Narain Khandaib, the native assistant, for his energy and devotion in the cause of the poor.

THE Cabul news-writer of the *Delhi Gazette* says—It is reported that Sirdar Mahomed Yakoob Khan has confiscated all the gold-mohurs that Mahomed Ullum Khan sent to Herat and deposited them with a mercantile firm. The Afghan troops are very much dissatisfied with the Sipah Salar. They are holding meetings daily, and it will not be surprising if they rise one of these days. A rumour is prevalent here that the officers of the dissatisfied troops have written to Sirdar Ubdool Rahman Khan begging him to march against Cabul and that they have assured him they will assist him in taking the place. The Cabul troops had scarcely returned to their quarters after practice on the morning of the 4th instant when a dispute rose between two battalions, a Cabulee and a Ghilzaee battalion. The matter went so far that that they had a hand to hand fight, in which about fifty men were wounded. The officers were soon on the spot and made all the men retire to their respective lines. As the officers sided with the Cabulees the Ghilzaees were displeased and several threw their left the lines and went elsewhere. The Ameer hearing of the disturbance summoned the Ghilzaee men and asked them why they had left their lines. "As the Commander-in-Chief is of the Shea belief," replied the Ghilzaees, "he sided with his own sect and did not do justice and so we were dissatisfied." The Ameer, to set an example to the others, ordered two sepoys to be blown from a gun.

THE *Friend of India* :—The wretched narrow gauge, which has already caused a waste of two millions sterling and more than two years of time in the Punjab, threatens to obstruct progress and make it very costly in other directions. No one doubts that we shall some day see the railway from Bombay to Nagpore completed, as the crow flies, to Calcutta through the rich uplands of Raipore, Sumbulpore, and Manbhoom. Every extension of the Nagpore line, even for local purposes, should be sanctioned only with a view to that thorough and uniform communication. But, we believe, the ultimate proposal for the extension to Raipore involves an estimated cost of £680,000 on the narrow gauge. The annual income is taken at £27,000 or 4¼ per cent. on the outlay. The route is to be from Nagpore by Kamptee to Kullinapore in Raipore. The Kanhan river at Kamptee is to be crossed by the bridge lately finished, &c., a portion of the bridge will be utilised for the railway. The greatest bridge required is that over the Wainganga, which will cost about Rs. 10,45,907. Another bridge across the Wurdha will cost Rs. 1,08,701, and a third across the Bagh Nuddee Rs. 54,000. We doubt not the Governor General will see the importance of making these bridges with a view to the through line to Calcutta, even if the whole extension is not on the uniform gauge. Meanwhile should the through line not be surveyed, and a beginning be made from the Howrah and Midnapore end?

A LETTER from the Secretary to the Governments of India, dated 19th June 1874, with reference to a letter from the Bombay Government, dated 29th May last, and accompaniments, reporting the completion and opening of the first section of the Moota project in December last, by which the greater portion of the Cantonment of Poona is now supplied with water, expresses the satisfaction of the Governor General in Council at the completion of this important and most difficult portion of the Moota scheme, and states that His Excellency fully endorses the commendations bestowed by the Government of Bombay on the officers and subordinates employed on the works, and shares in the regret expressed by the Government of Bombay at the death of Captain A. L. Buckle, R. E., who was connected with works from their commencement, and regard the loss of so able and promising an officer as a public one. The letter also adds that His Excellency will be glad to be informed, in due course, of the water rates it may be determined to levy for irrigation from the Canal. Directs attention to the call for a revised estimate for this project, together with a full and detailed estimate of the returns to be expected, and expresses a hope that it will shortly be complied with. This letter has been communicated for the information and guidance of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and copies of proceedings of the Bombay Government are to be forwarded to the Government of India, who are to be informed, with reference to the charge for water supplied to the cantonment and civil station of Poona, that the subject is under consideration by the Cantonment and Civil authorities.

THE *Pioneer* :—The Bombay petition for an acceleration of the mail service is reasonable on the whole, and very probably will lead to the exaction of some better contract with the P. and O. Company, but the comparison of P. and O. rates of speed with those of the American mail steamers is D[illegible] [illegible] the introduction into the petition, is to be regretted. The P. and O. Company have a good answer to all such comparisons—one which has been put forward before now in reply to similar complaints. The American steamers sail altogether in cold seas, and the condensers of their engines consequently work much better. We are not prepared to say exactly what the speed of a Cunard steamer, making thirteen knots in the Atlantic, would be if it were transferred to the Red Sea, but the running would certainly be much reduced. The strongest part of the argument against the P. and O. is that which has reference to the large trade carried on by private steamers through the Canal, as showing that the P. and O. ships ought to be able to run at a profit independently of the mail subsidy altogether. Under these circumstances, that subsidy gives the public a claim upon them for an extraordinarily bold expenditure on coal in lieu of the cheese-paring policy which rules their sailing at present. Meanwhile there are other strong complaints that might be urged against the Company in the interest of passengers, apart from questions of speed. No one, with a long experience of its table arrangements, will fail to compare old recollections with present practice unfavourable to the latter. Bills of fare may be showy, but we all know how the best *menus* may keep the word of promise to the eye and break it to the palate. We believe the Company files all its *menus*, and if a thoughtless passenger grumbles at a particular dinner—say in a letter to the *Times*—out comes an answer from Leadenhall Street, quoting a gorgeous list of the delicacies provided, as filed records show, on the day in question, coupled with a little gentle sarcasm on the jaded taste of pampered and liver-loss old Indians. But this manœuvre will not impose on travellers. Then, again, the wine department is deplorably ill-managed. Bad liquor and high prices reign supreme, and passengers are not allowed to cater for themselves. It is bad policy of the Company or any of its privileged servants to aim at making a profit out of this department. Respectable wine merchants ought to be allowed to put their own stores on board, and to compete for the favour of passengers.

THE *Friend of India* :—How little we know of the poverty of the lower and more numerous class of natives, although we get glimpses of it, such as lead some to pooh-pooh all apprehensions of famine because emaciation is the normal state of the people! It is difficult not to believe that the landless classes are deteriorating under our rule, however benevolent our intentions. And our severe and periodically increasing land-tax taken in cash, seems to keep the landed classes in debt and ultimately to drive the upper strata from their ancestral lands. We lately commented on the unconscious advantages of the Bombay Government in the evil effects of their Revenue Survey Department, so that the money made in the cotton mania and converted into ornaments, is steadily being returned to Bombay through the usurers. The following illustration of the sad truth is all the more valuable as occurring in a purely scientific or descriptive account of the Castes in the Deccan, by Mr. Sinclair, a Bombay Civilian, in the *Indian Antiquary*. Writing of the non-Aryan Kolees of the Western Ghauts he says—

The other day a party of Kolees put an obnoxious Vani (Bunnia) upon a heap of prickly milk-bush (*Euphorbia*), and pressed him on to it with their feet till he gave up his coin ; and I write with twenty Kolee prisoners under guard who relate the tale of a dozen robberies, carried with fortune, rape, and fire-raising in a tone of cool frankness that would be amusing if it were not horrible. That they should be transported for life they seem to regard as part of the rules of the game, which it is not worth while to avoid by lying when fairly caught. The fact is that they have in many cases been driven to madness by the extortions of the Vanis, and their perverted process of the civil courts. A Kolee buys a little grain or cloth upon credit, signs he knows not what, is pressed on year after year for interest ; and after throwing crop, wool, and cattle in vain into the gulf of usury, at last finds his creditor at the door with a writ of attachment for the last remains of his miserable belongings. It is little wonder that severe reprisals take place. Cut noses are almost as common among the Vanis of the western districts as goitres in some Alpine valleys. The town of Ambegaun has been four times burnt to the ground. The sympathies of the rural population are entirely with the offenders who but revenge the grievances of their class ; and where they might be willing they are afraid to lend assistance to the police, which would probably be punished by the burning of houses or crops, and perhaps by personal violence. The rugged hills and dense jungles of the Ghats afford a safe refuge to those who are recognised and "warned" and altogether our rule has perpetuated, if not produced, a state of things to the Sahyadri hills which finds its nearest analogues in the Tipperary of forty years ago, and which can only be altered either by removing the causes, or by simply dragooning the country into peace with an enormously increased police force, in which latter case the Kolee will probably slowly die out : the Vani depriving him of his land and house ; the Kunba, hard pressed for land in the over-populated plains, ever ready to step into his place, and the Sirkar providing him with a place of refuge in the jail or the Andaman Islands.

That was written in 1870. Sir Bartle Frere, in many of his speeches, has proclaimed that we have left undisturbed the patriarchal system, taken off the only tax paid by the native capitalist, put on a stamp duty which is paid by the weak who go to the wall in our courts, and are steadily screwing up the land-tax.

NEWS FROM THE PORTS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

MANGALORE, 15TH JULY.

THE most remarkable event, nowadays, has been the advent of a comet, which has appeared for the first time on the night of the 29th June, in the northern hemisphere, about 15 to 20° above the horizon, and it has been visible on several occasions since then when the weather was clear. It is, however, small compared with the comet of 1857, but the tail is well developed, and no doubt as it nears the earth it will increase in size. The natives are greatly disquieted at its appearance, as they apprehend that some calamity will follow in the shape of war, pestilence, or famine. I am inclined to think it has affected the state of the weather, which of late has been most unusual for this time of year. We have had dry sultry weather for the last three weeks, and a day or two back it was blowing strong from the eastward, more like October than July. The crops have not suffered as yet, but rain is much needed. Scindia's recent raid into British territory, and attempt to abduct one of his exiled doves, caused some slight sensation in these parts, and I hear quite shocked the propriety of some of our smart Politicals, who never dreamt that he would dare to board the British lion in his *den* ; but the fact is, Scindia has been petted and made much of of late, on account of his being so liberal with his cash, that it appears to have completely turned his head ; but still, notwithstanding that the almighty rupee covereth a multitude of sins in these degenerate days, I fancy His Highness will receive a gentle hint not to do the like again. Some of these potentates have a great deal more money at their command than they know well what to do with, and if they do not mind what they are about it may get some of them into serious trouble ere long. The Neemuch line of railway has not been making much progress of late, and it is reported that some portions of the line have been under-estimated, and will require to be revised. However, this is nothing very extraordinary, as revision would appear to be the rule rather than the exception in the P. W. D.

RAJKOTE, 16TH JULY.

As surmised by me in one of my previous communications, the Government of Bombay has been pleased to hand over the reins of the Bantwa State to its rightful owner, Babee Samut Khan Jee. This Mahomedan Prince is a very complaisant and sensible young man, of good promise. His education is no doubt limited, but it is hoped that with the assistance of some able men whom he is going to employ under him he will be able to manage his State very satisfactorily. The Thakore of Rajkote also appears to be equally competent to look after his own affairs. He is, you must know, very knowing and wise, and bids fair to outstrip and put to shade many a brother-prince in that line of conduct which Providence has designed for him. His knowledge in the Civil and Criminal Procedure Codes has just been found to be very respectable by Colonel Law of the Rajasthanik Court. As he is endowed with a good intellect and wonderful discriminating ability, it is but fair to transfer his State to his own care, provided that the Government is satisfied with the young Chief's qualifications to rule his subjects with justice and impartiality.

The long-looked-for general meeting of the Kattywar Educational Committee was held on Monday and Tuesday last in the Agency bungalow, Colonel W. W. Anderson presiding. The business of the meeting, however, was not confined to purely educational matters. Though nearly all the States were represented by their Vakeels and Karbharees, yet prominent members, such as Mr. Gokuljee Jhalwad Jeenaghur, Mr. Gowrishunkar Oza of Bhownuggur, Rao Bahadoor Sambhuparsad of Morvee, Mr. Naronjee of Wadwan, and several others, whose opinions must always be weighty upon matters such as were discussed before the Committee, were only conspicuous by their absence. The president's first proposal was to raise about ten lacs of rupees for the maintenance of the Rajkumar College, which required to be placed on a permanent financial footing. In this proposition, all the Karbharees, for reasons best known to themselves, have agreed to disagree with the Political Agent, without understanding that the great fulcrum on which the share wesl and prosperity of Gujerat and Kattywar rests is this successful institution—the best and the first of its kind in the whole of India. The Chiefs themselves refraining from spending fabulous sums in erecting temporary marquees for the marriage occasions, or from being needlessly extravagant in many other things, [illegible] their own children, will tend to develope [illegible] and healthy taste in the future rulers. [illegible] Dr. Lauder's was the next [illegible] ability of appointing [illegible] Inspector, Mr. Gopaljee Soo[illegible] finds not very fit for the po[illegible] attainments of Mr. Soorchal ar[illegible] care to inquire, nor have I h[illegible] impugn them ; but I am firm[illegible] a European—or if that is n[illegible] graduate of the Bombay Univ[illegible] tant Superintendent of School[illegible] of the peninsula will never [illegible] It is much to be regretted that [illegible] been twice] Doctor Bühler has [illegible] sed his long] Anderson then exp[illegible] tended] get the railway line e[illegible] Rajkote at an estimated [illegible] but the members of the [illegible] Committee] now seem to do anything in [illegible] proved abortive. They also re[illegible] abolition of the Local Funds E[illegible] which had been an eyesore to [illegible] past, notwithstanding the very [illegible] agement of Mr. Robert Booth, [illegible] their penny-wise and pound-fo[illegible] even declined to vote the propo[illegible] mise and keep in good order the [illegible] Wadwan. Of all the resolutions [illegible] only one that has any political i[illegible] to it is that with regard to the age [illegible] ment wards are held to attain [illegible] Government in a recent resolut[illegible] 21 has been fixed by Gover[illegible] nary age of political majority, [illegible] may be handed over to the man[illegible] Chief." Now the Committee have [illegible] to represent to His Excellency the [illegible] oil to put 18 in place of 21, and [illegible] for *may be* in the sentence quoted above. Besides these, there happened nothing [illegible] any public interest.

A comet was seen here this day [illegible] western direction between the hou[illegible] the exact position of its nucleus [illegible] I was unable to ascertain. The length of its tail was about a yard [illegible] ; adding to it the same comet of which vague [illegible] been made. The natives look [illegible] phenomenon as an omen of distress [illegible]

A shocking case of police oppre[illegible] has just been brought to light. Some pilgrims [illegible] on their way back from Dwarka were surprised [illegible] by a gang of robbers in the vicinity of Gondal, [illegible] in which one of the pilgrims lost his life. The others made good their escape and lodged a complaint before the Police Superintendent [illegible] upon enquiries were instituted, and some three [illegible] were apprehended on suspicion. The [illegible] upon these miserable wretches by the [illegible] was so very cruel that it is quite impossible to contemplate. Not only were they kept in close custody for three days and nights, contrary to the established rule, but in order to extort confession the police thought good to suspend them from a tree, and [illegible] them severely till one of them met with an untimely death. The other two were forced to plead guilty of the alleged crime of which they were really innocent. They were committed to stand their trial at the Sessions Court held here some days ago. The prisoners were of course acquitted by Captain Woolhouse, the presiding Judge. Now nothing has yet been done to [illegible] police authorities of Gondal, who are responsible for the murder of the poor man. Captain Phillips, the Government Manager of Gondal, cannot, it is believed, be [illegible] as to allow the culprit or culprits to escape with impunity.

The Chief of Lukhtar is [illegible] at his mother's death, which took place on Sunday last. It is said to spend a large sum of money in feeding thousands of gluttonous Brahmins in order to deliver the soul of the deceased from the [illegible] of the Hindoo *Shastras*. The deceased [illegible] age of sixty. The Thakore of [illegible] commiserate with the bereaved Chief.

An interesting cricket match [illegible] Gujerat comes off on the 22nd inst. [illegible] seven, including both civil and military officers, are expected to be here very shortly. After finishing the two innings, the Kattywar team will play [illegible] Ahmedabad, which is to be made [illegible] up two sides.

Mr. E. Candy, C.S., Judicial Assistant, [illegible] on leave and has already resumed charge of the office. [illegible] Mr. Candy, [illegible] Captain Wood, [illegible] deputed on special duty to settle, the boundary [illegible] between Joonaghur and Jaitpore.

The weather is cloudy, and we have only had [illegible] occasional drizzles.

LIFE ASSURANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In reply to the letter of "Assured" in your issue of to-day, I can say I heartily sympathize with him, being like himself one of the "*heavily weighted individuals*" in Life Assurance to whom he alludes.

I have been assured in an English assurance company since 1853, but not the Standard. Since I came to reside in India in 1869, I have paid upwards of £54 per year premium. On my proceeding to England or Australia, if only for a few months, my premium is reduced to £25. I thus have to pay more than a double rate because I live in India. If the Positive Assurance Company had been in existence in 1853, it would have insured my life at my then age for £28-10 with *freedom to go to any part of the world* either on a visit or to reside, without any extra premium whatever. I should thus have saved £26 a year for 14 years. In other words the Positive would have insured £2,000, payable at death, for the same premium as the company I am insured in charge me for £1,000. A totally different thing as you will say.

I will give you and "Assured" another fact. In 1871 I assured my life on the endowment system for £1,000, payable in ten years in a Bombay company. I will call the 'Negative' an English company. I paid the premiums of 1871 and 1872 amounting in all Rs. 1,973. Early in 1873 the "Positive," like a bright fixed light, appeared above the Bombay horizon. The principles of this company soon recommended themselves to my mind. I enquired their terms of assurance for my age, and found them favourable. However, I thought, it will not do to cut adrift from the "Negative" Company without a reason, as sailors say—"never let go one rope until you lay hold of another." So I will ask the "Negative" Company the surrender value of the policy on which I have paid during the last two years Rs. 1,973, before I pay the *third* year's premium. I did so. The question was asked and answered. *This* was the answer. "If you refer to page 14 of printed book enclosed, you will see that policies by the non-reducible scale (tables 3 & 4) do not acquire a surrender-value until after they have been seven years in existence." I was certainly staggered at finding this was so. Until therefore I had been assured six years and paid the six premia regularly and the premium for the seventh year in advance—in all Rs. 6,912-8—nearly Rs. 7,000 without interest, I was entitled by my contract of assurance to no surrender-value. In other words, if I wanted to end the contract any time within seven years I lost the whole amount I had paid in premia, without being entitled to a farthing of return for my Rs. 7,000 in hard cash, exclusive of interest.

I need hardly say I did not pay a third premium of Rs. 987-8 to the "*Negative*," but, instead, I took out a policy in the "Positive" Assurance Company. I find the premia of insurance for India in the "*Negative*" are higher than the "*Positive*" by 4'6 per cent. I find also the Positive has the following liberal concessions to assurers, concessions which I do not hesitate to state are in accordance with the spirit of the age, and warranted by our present increased knowledge of vital statistics :—

1st. There is no restriction on foreign travel. A Positive policy-holder can go all over the world without any restraint on his personal liberty and without any extra premium being charged.

2nd. Every premium insures a certain amount which can never be forfeited, although another premium is not paid.

3rd. A minimum surrender-value of 10 per cent. of premiums paid is fixed at the time of effecting the insurance, and is stated in the policy.

These are immense concessions to life assurers, and they are producing their legitimate fruit. They will create an era in life assurance. In the meantime, until other Life Assurance companies reduce their rates, the Positive is doing, and will do, the cream of the business ; and those "heavily weighted individuals" like "Assured" and myself will simply have to "grumble and go" on paying enormous and undue rates simply to swell the profits of English shareholders in most cases.

Since having my sight so roughly sharpened by the "Negative," I have made a study of life assurance, and I am persuaded that thousands of people sign these contracts yearly without being aware of any but the most general principles contained within their four corners.

Our present satirical Prime Minister the Right Honourable Benjamin Disraeli says in his book of [illegible] Coningsby this. The former before he knows anything concerns the matter, the latter considers [illegible] There is a real danger [illegible] sentence will cover all classes to the present world and the next, which [illegible] solicitor and priest may be taken to be the respective representatives. Nothing is clearer, however, than that, before entering into so serious a contract as life assurance, the best advice should be obtained from some insurance expert or solicitor.

THOMAS LIDDETTE.

G. I. P. RAILWAY GRIEVANCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In continuation of mine of the 10th I send you another grievance with reference to house-rental.

A rental of ten per cent. is deducted from the pay of the peon, and in addition a watch-rate of one rupee when water is put on, and a scavenging fee of one rupee. So a married man at two hundred rupees a month pays twenty rupees house-rent for a plece worth about ten, a scavenging fee of two rupees for himself and wife, and the same amount for water. In single men's quarters, where there are as many as four and five living together, there is the rental deduction for each man, besides the watch-rate and scavenging fee. So it may well be imagined that the company are no losers.

There used to be a scavenging allowance of nine rupees entered in the station books, which is now stopped ; and as this arrangement is given by contract, and as the amount contracted is not equal to the amount realised for this purpose, it is evident that there is a surplus. Now what is done with this surplus? I think the rate-payers have a right to know from the Committee who style themselves the Municipality.

The men on whom the above system falls the heaviest are the traffic subordinates, who from the station-master downto the porter are the most miserably paid servants in the service. In explanation I must state the station-masters are exempt from house-rent.

Again, take the one road. It was but a very short time ago I was told that reading and cricket clubs and gymkhanas received grants from the above. To say that this is a cheap way to get a name for liberality, and encouraging institutions that ought to be supported by voluntary contributions, and it would look much better in the directors, or those responsible, would contribute their own money and not other people's. But this fund is made from the pice pice from the man's pay. With reference to this, might I propose that the hospital fee of rupee one annas eight be struck off and the fund used for the relief of the sick? One thing to be said in favour of this is that when [illegible] to duty they will have money to receive and [illegible] expenses which, otherwise they would not be [illegible] off duty from sickness or from any [illegible] returned to duty.—I am,

18th July, 1874. FIRE IRONS.

THE "SYSTEM" NOT TO BLAME.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The Marquis of Salisbury hit the right nail on the head when he wrote to the Viceroy regarding the incorrect estimates submitted for the construction of the Kushan bridge—"I must express my opinion that, unless some practical method of preventing the [illegible] indicted upon those who are responsible for so grave a miscalculation, errors of this description will continue to be committed."

Hitherto, a custom has prevailed of attributing faults in the system, and of allowing individuals to escape unpunished. Government have been induced, through the private estimates, to purchase broken-down and irrigation schemes, and to construct various public works at immense cost. Buildings have been so badly constructed that they showed signs of weakness, or tumbled down as soon as they were finished. Bridges have been projected through the ignorance of a professional engineer, by forty per cent. more than they might have been procured for through the ordinary channels of trade. Land settlements have been made so minutely oppressive, that subsequent [illegible] provided by enlightened officers, have been [illegible] and police charges of [illegible] as the infliction of [illegible] this was done, and the perpetrators of these blunders, in many instances, were discovered, but were carefully [illegible] responsible. The system was blamed, and made to bear the shortcomings of individuals. Let the [illegible] be fixed on the right shoulders, and not on the [illegible] of the system, and we shall hear no more of [illegible] Mr. Eardley Norton, [illegible] Mr. Ilbert, [illegible] Mr. Crawford, [illegible] Mr. Chapman, [illegible] Mr. Knox, [illegible] Mr. Hope, [illegible] Mr. Ellis, [illegible] Mr. Hunter, [illegible] Mr. Wedderburn, [illegible] Mr. Caine, [illegible] Mr. Cotton, [illegible] Mr. Hyde, [illegible] Mr. Cockerell, [illegible] Mr. Hall, [illegible] Mr. Hutchinson, [illegible] Mr. Hamilton

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

EXCERPTS from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held on the 16th instant.

Read letter from the Traffic Manager, dated 9th inst., stating that in his letter dated 19th June, requesting the levy of fees on boats coming into the Trustees' Basins, but not discharging or shipping cargo, he omitted to include barges. He proposes that barges be charged one rupee per diem.

Resolution.—The proposed charge is approved, and the goods carried by such barges should be subject to the same charge of half wharfage fees as has been sanctioned by Resolution No. 105 for goods carried by cargo boats.

Read letter from the Traffic Manager, dated 8th July, explaining in reply to a reference from the Bunders Committee, that he has 28 barges available for hire, and asking for discretionary power in letting them.

Resolution.—The Traffic Manager is authorised to let out barges for hire for short periods at his discretion.

Read minute from the officiating Chief Engineer, dated 7th instant, stating in reply to a reference made, that the best way to keep the rain from being driven through the date bazaar godowns is to plaster the walls on both sides,—inside with lime and plaster, outside with cement. He thinks that if the south side of the south block, and the west end of both blocks be so treated it will be sufficient. Estimated cost Rs. 2,149. The Chief Engineer considers that, as the walls have been protected for this season by jowlies, the plastering may stand over till next cold season.

Resolution.—The expenditure of Rs. 2,149 for plastering the walls of the date bazaar godowns is approved, subject to the sanction of Government.

Read letter from the Traffic Manager, dated 26th May and 12th June, recommending that two slopes be constructed at the export dustable wharf, Carnac Bunder, to facilitate the shipment of wheat, &c.

Read report by Bunder Committee, dated 15th June, concurring in the recommendation.

Submitted plan of proposed slopes and estimate by officiating Chief Engineer. The estimated cost is Rs. 16,476.

Resolution.—The provision of two slopes on the north wall of Carnac Basin is approved, and the sanction of Government to the execution of this work as a capital charge should be applied for.

It was proposed by Mr. Boomerdinas Mooljee that all contracts for work, amounting to more than Rs. 5,000 be submitted by advertisement, for public tender.

Resolution.—The officiating Chief Engineer to be requested to give his opinion on this proposal.

A DISCOVERY.

MAHOMED AND THE PARSEES.

EVER since the Mahomedan riots of February last, the *Jame e-Jamsheed* has been a diligent student of old books and musty records. It has had its labours crowned with a discovery, which may be deemed to be no less important than it is startling. It has discovered a peremptory injunction from the Mahomedan prophet to the followers of his religion ever to respect the Parsees, and to protect their lives, property, and fire-temples. Perdition and an eternal enmity with Mahomed is the penalty of disobedience of the injunction. Injunctions or "hedhamah" to the above effect were, by command of Mahomed himself, delivered to several heads of Parsee families, among which was one delivered by Amir-al Momni-Ali, son of Abu Taleb, to the brother of Dustoor Dinniar or Salaman Pharsee, the son of Mehedi Farrook Sakhsan. This "hedhamah" is given at length in three Arabic works named "Hubibool-sher," "Jalale-ayeeon," and "Malak-bal-Mooterjee," under the title of "Adeh." A translation of the "hedhamah" was given in a work published in 1826 at Surat by Aspanlarjee Dustoor Kamdinjee of Broach. It is to the following effect:—

"Particulars of a hedhamah given to the son of Mehedi Furrook Sakhsan by the prophet of the Mahomedans and his four Eoyars and twelve Asbats. This hedhamah was written on red parchment by Amir-al-Momni-Ali, son of Abu Taleb, and was given as a gift by God's viceregent to the son of Mehedi Furrook Sakhsan. (After blessing the memory of Mehedi Farrookh Sakhsan and his progeny, and after praising God, the document proceeds:—) In all future ages in this world, this hedhamah in the possession of Salaman Pharsee and his descendants is a promise from God's viceregent, and it is my peremptory injunction that no Musulman should molest the Parsees in the enjoyment of their property, their lands, their fields, their water-courses, or pasturages, or mountains, &c. Any Musulman, male or female, who reads this book or hedhamah, ensures protection and property to the aforesaid Parsees, and should never try to molest them. Should any Parsee molest a Musulman, he should be forgiven. No tax should be levied from these people, who should not be prevented from tying the kosteo (sacred thread) round their waists. No duty or tax should be levied from them; for they have been exempted till the judgment day. Their fire-temples, gardens, goods, and fields should be protected. They should not be molested in putting on rich dresses, or in riding, or in building new streets, or in quitting their residences of their own accord, &c. They should be considered to be noble and *Seetadee* (i. e. followers of a true religion.) If they ask assistance from Musulmans, it should be given. Musulmans should give them houses in their own quarters to live in. Should a Parsee sin against a Musulman, he should be forgiven. Should a Musulman sin against a Parsee, it behoves other Musulmans to present him. It behoves them to give to Parsees 100 dresses on the day of the Buckree-Eed and 100 dresses in the month of Rajab. This is a certain right of the Parsees for the sake of Salaman Pharsee or Dustoor Dinniar. (After praising Salaman's piety, the document proceeds:—) Now, Amir-al Momni commands that this mandate should be considered as genuine, and I order that Musulmans should cherish kind regards for the descendants of Salaman, in other words all Parsees. They should never be converted against their will. And he who departs from this, my injunction, should not be called by a name of God; and he shall be cursed till Doomsday; while, on the other hand, those who will consider them to be very noble, will be regarded as having considered me to be very noble, and as having done a pious act. Any one who molests those people will be considered to molest me. I shall be his eternal enemy, and he will be doomed to eternal perdition. This is my injunction to all Musulmans, with my salaams to all Musulmans. This injunction, Hajrat Ali says, is written by command of the prophet Mahomed. Blessings be to him, &c. Dated Hijra year 9, month Rajab."

A BOMBAY PICTURE.

THE Bombay correspondent of the *Pioneer* writes:—Sunday the 13th was the last day of the extra month that occurs every three years in the Hindoo calendar. The whole of the month has had more or less of a sacred character among Hindoos, and the Brahmins of Bombay are richer by three lakhs of rupees, which have been distributed as alms among them. A fair was held at Volkeshwar, and the day's diversions included bathing both in the sea and in the thrice-sacred tank there. There was heavy rain, and the crowds of victims of all ages and both sexes were drenched to the skin. On occasions like this it is impossible not to be struck with that great and peculiar beauty of Bombay, the brilliant and picturesque array of women that drifts along the streets and ways. The large and almost bovine Bantiva and Bhattia women do not exactly walk, they roll heavily along, each plump foot and ancle ended with several pounds' weight of silver. Then the slender, gold-tinted Parbhoo woman, with their hair tightly twisted in a teapot-handle and a coronal of mograh flowers set where a European lady sticks in a tortoiseshell comb, have a shrinking grace and delicacy that is very attractive, and, barring the red Cashmere *chadder*, their costume is precisely that in which an artist would dress Sakuntala and her play-fellows, or the heroines of earlier Hindoo fable. The Marwaree females with skirts as full of plaits as a Highlander's kilt, tinkling with bawbells, their eyes set in deep dashings of black paint, and the sacred dragged over the brow so as to hang in front like an elephant's trunk, are very serious figures, seldom pretty, and always appearing to be badly in want of a good washing. Sweetee girls, with their dirt-pery so tightly kilted as to show great sections of the round, brown limbs, smooth and shapely as characterise those vulgar Venuses of the stone and kitchen, stride merrily along, frequently with a child on their rounded hips. They have got to support the dignity of high caste; there is a quaint expression of good humour on their features, which have a comely ugliness unlike that of any other race. Then the trig little Malwen girls, who, by the way, are already in lighter revolour from their confinement in the cotton factories, sling quickly along with a saucy swing of their oscillant hips, and the longer-robed Ghattees, scarcely to be distinguished from women of the Mahratta caste, go more demurely. The Brahmin woman is best seen at Poona, Wye, and at Nassick. Here she is scarcely distinguishable from Sonars, Sontars, and others. Those odd gipsylike vouches, the Wagree beggar women, each provided with a plump baby, carried in a tiny hammock, slung on a stick and handed to the spectator as if it were something to buy or to taste, were there in numbers, sometimes twanging on a one-stringed sitar, but more often playing the Bombay game with that frank simplicity of pantomime which is the supreme effort of Hindoo eloquence and the art of suiting the action to the word. Gosains stood on their heads, shivered in the rain over their little stalls of paints, shells, brass spoons, bells, rosaries, and images. But everybody was very happy, and not a soul was drunk.

A MODEST SUITOR.—It is well known that the announcements of births and deaths are often given in German newspapers in a form which sounds strange in English ears. Everyone knows, too, that engagements are published as well, and in much the same form as marriages. In the second case, for instance, of every issue of the *Cologne Gazette* these announcements of engagements may be found throughout the year. When engagement and marriage are brought about by one or both of the parties concerned. But it is very seldom that an announcement such as the following is found, which is quoted in the *Cologne Gazette* of the 17th of June from the *Dresdener Journal*:—"With respect to the announcement by which I, at the end of last November, gave notice of my being engaged to the Dowager Baroness Zoo von Kourbiere, I am now obliged to state that this relationship has at her desire and to my great regret, been broken off, because she did not find in my deportment that gravity which she had a right to expect.—Count Luckner."

INDIAN NEWS.

SNAKE-BITE.—A few days ago a little child had been sent in charge of an ayah to Wellington Square. The child, whilst playing about, suddenly felt asleep, when the ayah took it in her arms and went home. On arrival it was put into bed still asleep, and on the following morning it was found to be quite dead. On examination of the body it was found that the child had been bitten by a snake.—*Englishman.*

MYSORE HAY.—We learn from Mysore that Major Gray, the Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division, is laid up with an attack of dengue. This officer, since taking charge, has devoted much of his time to the personal examination of the wells and bowries throughout the town, and it is believed that he has submitted a comprehensive report on the proposed water supply projects and on the steps that should be at once taken to give the inhabitants a good supply of drinkable water. The great interest Major Gray has evinced in this important question has encouraged and raised the hopes of the people, more especially as it is rumoured that his proposals always receive the support of our talented Chief Engineer.—*Bangalore Examiner.*

MAHOMEDANISM.—The *Mazharul-Akhbar*, of the 10th May last, contained the following:—A respectable East Indian of Madras has just embraced Islamism; of course, we have the usual parrot cry that he did it for the sake of worldly gain. The Christians have two explanations to account for the conversion of Christians to Islam—the convert wanted a livelihood, or he wanted women. As to the first, we will say that the Mussulmans are, as a body, poor themselves, and cannot afford to buy converts; they have no Mission-houses, where people are fed and clothed under a specious pretence of charity. As to the second cause let these Christain fanatics set their own house in order before they meddle with their neighbours; it is well known that the Christians are more abandoned to fornication than the people of any other religion: in this respect their liberty is restrained when they become Mussulmans, for then they must content themselves with four wives; and Mormons, who are an offshoot of the Christians, can marry as many women as they please according to their Law and Gospel. In the present days a Musulman has enough to do to provide for one wife; these new converts gain nothing but loss in this world in adopting the faith of Islame

THE RANGOON AND PEGUE RAILWAY.—The portion sanctioned will be commenced almost immediately under the superintendence of Mr. Dunn, Executive Engineer, who is expected here daily, and the first sod will be turned near the Canal, south of the "Folly," where, and to some length beyond it, there is heavy cutting work to be done. It is proposed to employ Bengal immigrants on the work, of whom about 5,000 may be expected from Calcutta. The line starts from Bointoung, at which place there will be the "goods station" abreast of the cotton presses; thence running northwards it skirts, at long range, and, traversing what is known as the Squatters' Ground arrives at a point between Phayre-street and the Soolay Pagoda-road, to the north of Montgomery-street, where will be erected the "passenger station" of Rangoon. Thence onwards the railway crosses the canal, and running eastwards along the boundary-road, and crossing Godwin's-road at the back of the new bungalow recently constructed for the Superintendent of the Jail, wends its way towards its north western terminus. The line is to be on the metre gauge, it has easy gradients, no sharp curves, no tunnels, and but one bridge worth the name, the rest being culverts; for the convenience of the public there will be over-bridges in the town, where the line crosses the main streets, but level crossings and gates on the others. There are to be thirteen railway stations between the two terminals at convenient distances, and the entire cost of the line has been estimated at 4,703,822, or an average of 21,210 per mile, which, there are strong reasons for supposing, will not be exceeded.—*Rangoon Times.*

THE HIGH COURT N. W. P. delivered judgment some days back, in a case of considerable commercial importance, which turned on the liability of the appellant to refund money obtained by him from a banking company under two forged letters—one addressed to the company, directing it to pay money to the presenter of the letter on behalf of its supposed writer, and the other addressed to the presenter of the letter, requesting him to obtain the money. The company, conceiving that such a person should be responsible, sued the defendant, a Mr. Mooney, who presented the letters alluded to. The bank acted on the letter addressed to itself; and although that letter turned out a forgery, must, we should say in common fairness, accept the consequences of the mistake, even though Mr. Mooney's mistake in considering the letter genuine may have tended to throw the bank manager off his guard. But one point in the case certainly introduces a complication which explains the contrary view taken by the lower tribunals. It appears that the defendant granted a receipt "for and on behalf of" his supposed principal—a form of signature which generally at all events implies that the act is performed in the character of an agent, and which happens exactly to fulfil the requirements of the definition of "agent" contained in the Indian Contract Act. In the leading case of Collen *v.* Wright (26 *L.J.Q.B.*, 147), Campbell, C.J., said, in reference to the effect of such a signature:—"It is clear that an agent gives a warranty against when he signs as agent, and he is liable to make recompense to the party to whom he represents himself as agent for the damage that has been caused by the breach of the warranty." But the silence of the High Court as to its reasons for holding a person so signing irresponsible, would hardly justify the conclusion that it holds such persons generally irresponsible. Such a proposition would be a novelty, a thing from which administrators of the law are accustomed to shrink with becoming diffidence.—*Pioneer.*

EXECUTION OF THE SOLDIER JACKSON.—Yesterday morning at five o'clock, William Jackson, a soldier of the 22nd Regiment, who had been sentenced at the last Criminal Sessions to death for the murder of his comrade, Robert Taylor, suffered the extreme penalty of the law. There was not a large crowd outside the jail walls, only about three hundred people present, including about twenty Europeans and Eurasians. Jackson had had the benefit of spiritual consolation from the Revd. Mr. Rowland, who had constantly visited him from the day sentence was passed on him. Long before four o'clock in the morning Mr. Rowland was with the unfortunate man, and about five A.M. he came out of his cell together with the Revd. gentleman. The prisoner's face was pale but calm, and his demeanour steady when he quietly submitted to the jailor handcuffing him, and he walked to the place of execution, accompanied by the clergyman, who continued to exhort him. On reaching the top of the stairs of the terrace where the scaffold was erected, the prisoner paused for a second, and then walked on. His countenance was, as stated before, calm, exhibiting neither repentance of fear nor of doggedness. He expressed no intention of saying anything, but simply stood silent while the halter was placed round his neck, and the cap over his head. At a signal from the Superintendent, the bolt was drawn, and the unfortunate man fell with a heavy drop, which immediately broke his neck, and he died almost instantaneously, with scarcely a single struggle. On going downstairs, Dr. Mackenzie found him quite dead. He had, we understand, made no special confession, beyond stating to the clergyman that he knew what he was doing when he committed the murder, that he was truly penitent for the crime, and that he hoped God would have mercy on him. His face certainly showed signs of deep sorrow, which were, however, unmixed with any of fear at his impending fate. He stated to the jailor that he had no relatives save two sisters in England, and asked Mr. Rowland on Tuesday to write a letter for him to one of his comrades in the regiment. He was reported to be a very quiet man, never having given the slightest trouble while he was in jail. He took his meals regularly, and behaved very well throughout the period of his imprisonment, both before and after sentence had been passed on him.—*Englishman.*

STATE OF THE CROPS AND PEOPLE IN THE N.W. PROVINCES.

Banda, 11th July.—Very heavy rain from 4th to 8th; rainfall from ninety-four to one hundred and eighty tenths. Fine weather since then. Much injury done by floods, but damaged crops being resown. Jarhan (late) rice being planted out everywhere; area under khureef altogether very large. Number in workhouses 1,373.

Gorruckpore, 15th July.—Rainfall one hundred and seven to one hundred and forty tenths. Amount of rain unprecedentedly great, yet on the whole weather favourable and prospects good, except in low lands, which are inundated by Rapties and hill streams. 1,410 persons in three work houses. Distress diminishing.

Ghazeepore, 15th July.—Rainfall eighteen to forty-two tenths, but weather fine since 12th July. Country much flooded, and sowing stopped.

Mirzapore, 15th July.—Rainfall nineteen to thirty-five tenths. Rain ceased at Mirzapore since 9th, and the break is beneficial. Condition and prospects of the crops good.

Benares, 15th July.—No rain since 11th. Rainfall twenty-two to thirty-seven tenths.

Azimgurh, 12th July.—Rainfall thirty-nine to forty-eight tenths. Much country under water. Tonse in flood. A break hoed for.

Jeenapore, 12th July.—Incessant rain. Crops much injured; some will have to be resown.

Allahabad, 15th July.—Rainfall forty tenths. Prospects good. Cultivation going on everywhere.

Banda, 11th July.—Rain has much diminished, and weeding goes on. More dry weather wanted. No want of employment in the fields; early sowings are coming up well. Four poorhouses, 224 inmates.

Kirwee, 13th July.—Rainfall fourteen tenths. Fine weather, doing much good. Crops excellent.

Humeerpore, 14th July.—Rainfall fifteen to sixty-one tenths. Constant rain through week; hardly one fine day since 8th June. Ploughing and sowing impossible. Numbers on relief works 1,617; in poorhouses 116.

Jalaun, 11th July.—Rainfall thirty-seven to ninety tenths. Fine weather wanted.

Jhansie, 15th July.—Rainfall twelve tenths; prospects good; some damage by floods in Pergunnah Garotha. Relief works stopped.

Rampore, 15th July.—Average rainfall fifty tenths. Crops injured from excessive rain, and break wanted.

Futtehgurh, 15th July.—Rainfall seven to fifty-four tenths; average of district twenty-six tenths. Rain has ceased for four days, giving a most favourable break. Prospects good.

Agra, 15th July.—Rainfall twelve tenths. Alternate rain and sunshine, favourable to cultivation.

Muttra, 13th July.—Rainfall fifty tenths; looks now like breaking. No injury done to crops.

Aligarh, 15th July.—Average rainfall twenty-three tenths. Cropsin low lands suffering.

Meerut, 15th July.—Average rainfall twenty-four tenths. Prospects good.

Saharunpore, 15th July.—Rainfall forty-four tenths. Rather too much rain for cotton; other crops excellent.

Bijnour, 13th July.—Rainfall forty-nine to ninety-seven tenths. Abundant rain for rice. Other crops doing well, except cotton, which suffers in low lands.

Moradabad.—Average rainfall forty-seven tenths. Rice good; cotton drowned in low lands.

Bareilly.—Rainfall twenty-three tenths; prospects good

GARRISON SCHOOL-NEWS.

OLD-PARKUS HOUSE ACADEMY,
BANGALORE, JULY 1874.

We've had such an awful lot to do lately that I've not had time to give you any further news from our school; but to-day's a whole holiday, so I'll try to tell you what has been going on since my last letter. We've got a new assistant master, Mr. Emery, a real Royal Engineer, and we've got a new fellow, Gowlby, from Bellary, who is a very good chap; he told us his name, how much tin he had, and all that, but he was too sharp to mention his sister's name, although Pat Sellster tried to make him. Our principal grind has been "hachuring" which nearly all the chaps hate like mad." "Hachures," Dr. Deewarsh says, is French for "worms," because the strokes you make in hachuring look like worms or leeches. You draw those worms to show the shading of hills in field sketching. A lot of fat worms mean to say that the hill is very steep there, and thin ones show that it is not. Hachuring is invented to spoil a fellow's sketch, because if you can't do the strokes stunningly they look beastly, and are much better left out. The Professor makes us all take down a plate full of worms before breakfast. I don't mean a dish to eat, but a drawing plate to copy. One chap makes his worms all in a row, which isn't good hachuring; another fellow can't keep the worms equally fat or thin, and that's wrong; others cannot make three worms grow imperceptibly out of one, which even Deewarsh himself says is awfully difficult; and some poor blokes only manage to make blots and smears, and get wary, so we hate "hachures." Then we've another grind called "conventional signs" which "the Dean" has ordered every class to do. It means copying exactly a diagram of rum little pictures which represent different things on a map, such as roads, railway, redans, redoubts, rods and railings; wells, wall, woods, windmills, water-mills, and wattles, churches, chapels, cartroads, cross roads, canals, copses, combats, chevaux-de-frise, &c. Most of these things are done awfully small, and are very hard for near-sighted chaps, who have to wear spectacles to do the small strokes. Then we've gone on with Euclid, and proportion; have done a lot more dictation; and on Monday we've to be ready to answer questions in the early history of Military Law, noting specially Dr. Muckscholey's notes on the Court Martial on Themistocles (B. C. 471) which resulted in the retreat of the Persians. Those are the chief things we've to mug, but we've had some jolly work out of doors which we all like. It began in this way: Deewarsh told us that we'd worked so well he would give us a treat by taking us out into the country for a pic-nic; when we could do some sketching from nature for a change, as we were all looking rather pale. Each boy was to bring his sketching block and materials, a dumper of grub and cold tea, or toast and water if preferred, and meet his school fellows at a quarter to seven at a certain place, dressed in any clothes he chose, but to mind and wear his "straw" (sunhat) instead of the "mortar board" worn at school; so when Oldjohn (the second "cock") gave three cheers for Deewarsh, didn't I shout? We met at the time and place fixed, and, my eye! you *should* have seen the grub basket! Well, Dr. Deewarsh took us all first for a nice walk to the top of a hill, and showed us the view, pointing out a lot of flags which, like a brick, he'd had stuck about the ground to get a proper focus over. Then he told us all to sit down and we might break off and take our grub baskets wherever we liked, and to amuse ourselves with making a sketch and survey of the pic-nic ground, which he would examine at school the following morning. So we went away with our chums, and didn't we have a scrumptious day just! I was going with Oldjohn, for I'm his fag, you know only he'd a new pair of "lace ups" on, and as his feet swelled with walking, after grub time, he had to give in quite lame. Many big fellows would have made their fags undress their boots and rub their feet, but Oldjohn is a brick, and never chooses a fag, so I went with Oldjohn, and we took a lot of paint and did a really nice sketch—with the tank, and trees, and boat with a lady steering, and a man on a horse, and the signalling flag-staff, ropes and all—and thought it capital, till Ongelow showed us his (it looked I thought, like splats on a cork jar), and then I saw with a blush that it was a better than our's. He's so cute, and knows everything so well, that I funked and rubbed out my boat, lady and all, &c, and "fudged" a new sketch like his jammy one. But we chaps thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and only two fellows got into a row the next day; Sellster and his chum Dower, who went birds' nesting, and Dower (who's a bully) cribbed poor little Garnett's grub basket, and ate all his grub: the next day they'd no sketch to show, and (although Garnett, like a brick, never told) Deewarsh gave them three plates of "hachures" to finish on Saturday. Then as my sketch and I were finished I got the Crown of the Moon, belonging to the Shah. This and the Peyrai Noor are set in a pair of bracelets worth a million sterling. Besides, there is the Taj-i-koma, or Diadem of the Pleiads, said to be as big as the top of a man's thumb. One writer has written that the Pitt or Regent diamond, sent by George IV., through Sir Harford Jones, to Futteh Ali Shah, at all appears in the form of a ring among the Persian jewels. Mr. Piggott disputes this statement, showing that the item is now set in the French Imperial diadem. It was acquired by Governor Pitt, of Madras, for about £48,000, or half its value. Much was said at the time with the intention of proving that he had procured it by unfair means, even Pope thus describing the transaction—

"Asleep and naked as an Indian lay,
An honest factor stole a gem away."

It originally [illegible] four-hundred and ten carats, but Pitt reduced it to [illegible] and thirty-six. The Duke of Orleans became its owner for [illegible] francs, and it remained in the [illegible] from the stones in cutting.

The Shah's throne [illegible] consists of a small room, twenty feet by fourteen, [illegible] by a steep stair and entered through a [illegible]. Here, spread upon carpets, he [illegible] starling. Quiet amongst [illegible] a heap of diamonds, [illegible] a lump of rubies, [illegible] emeralds [illegible] rings. Mr. Ravaich, who examined [illegible] in addition to those there are gauntlets [illegible] with pearls and diamonds, and [illegible] the Kalandra belt, about a foot [illegible] eighteen inches, and one complete [illegible] emeralds and diamonds. Two [illegible] swords are said to be worth [illegible] each. There is also the finest [illegible], three or four inches long and [illegible] remarked a smaller one of antique [illegible] much long and three-sidedness [illegible] Persian pearls, and almost [illegible] scots pretend. There are [illegible] marbles, and unless I am [illegible] certain that I counted [illegible] half an inch square to one [illegible] and an inch broad. At the [illegible] which is covered with diamonds, there [illegible] smaller than the nail of a [illegible] finger. There is an emerald as big as a [illegible] with the names of kings who have [illegible] Persians joined the emerald above [illegible] by those two Kajars. Their goblets [illegible] stones were copied by the Romans. [illegible] means a pearl worth £60,000.

But, most [illegible] attractive of all the Persian stones [illegible] is inlaid by the native inhabitants with [illegible] stones with great effect and expression. [illegible] Nishanpoor in Khorassan, who make [illegible] and armour of the Persians, so much [illegible] Greeks. Chardin records that in the [illegible] can be saw "in each chamber the stones [illegible] set high on the floor like heaps of grain, [illegible] as a feather bed." As one [illegible] dislikes the turquoises of Persia are always [illegible] the Shah. They are divided into two [illegible] to the positions in which they are found. [illegible] stones, or stony, are excreted in the [illegible] to be removed by means of a hammer; [illegible] from the alluvial deposits and, though of [illegible] value than the former, which are of a [illegible]. Although the Lord of Lords contented [illegible] ing the least valuable gems of his incomparable [illegible] on his coronation in the West, he carried [illegible] unselect talismans with him, they [illegible] appearance, possess limitless value in the [illegible]. Among others there was a fine pointed [illegible] have been worn by Roostum and believed to [illegible] of making conquerors at once confess [illegible] and his neck (the Shah wore a cube of [illegible] to have fallen from heaven to the Great [illegible] confer on its wearer invulnerability. [illegible], however and in Nowsheroodeen's [illegible] less, was a little casket of gold studded [illegible] said to have the remarkable property of [illegible] it wearer invisible so long as he remains [illegible]

EUROPEAN EXPORTS.

CONTRACTS WITH JOINT-STOCK COMPANIES.

A POINT of the very highest importance both to shareholders in and contractors with joint-stock companies has quietly divided the Court of Exchequer Chamber after having divided the court below. The defendants, the Ashbury Railway Carriage and Iron Company, a company formed, as the memorandum of association declared, "for the construction of railway carriages, railway plant, and railway stock" and to carry on business as mechanical engineers and contractors, had entered into a contract with the plaintiff, M. Riche, for the construction of a Belgian railway, the plaintiff contracting to execute the works, and the defendants to find the funds. This contract, although admittedly beyond the scope of the memorandum of association, had been entered into by the directors of the company with the ulterior view of supplying the whole of the plant and stock for the railway thus contracted for, and though a portion of the shareholders at first objected, the contract was subsequently ratified at a general meeting (from which, however, some shareholders were absent), under the corporate seal of the company. Subsequently however, the contract was repudiated, and on the plaintiff bringing an action for damages, the Court of Exchequer, while agreeing that this contract was *ultra vires*, held by two judges against one that the ratification by the shareholders had rendered it valid. The present appeal was then taken to the Court of Exchequer Chamber, where three judges have been in favour of affirming and three of reversing the judgment of the court below. Justices Blackburn, Brett and Grove hold that a company incorporated under the Companies Act have, in the absence of any express words to the contrary, a general power of entering into any contracts which a private firm might enter into, and that any contract so entered into would, if duly ratified, as in their opinion it had been in the present case, bind the company. On the other hand, Justices Keating, Quain, and Archibald held, first, that a contract beyond the scope of the memorandum of association is not capable of ratification by the shareholders of the company, and that even if it were, it had not been so ratified in the present case. It did not appear that all the shareholders were present at the meeting, and absent shareholders might be supposed to assume that the directors were acting within the scope of their powers. It was for the plaintiff to show that they were aware of the existence of the contract, and he had not done so. The original judgment in the court below will of course stand, but the case is to be carried to the supreme Court of Appeal.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

EGYPT.

A MERCANTILE GENT writes under date Alexandria, June 15:—Nubar Pasha left for Brindisi on the 9th of June by the Peninsula and Oriental steam-ship Malta. Increasing deafness and failing health are the reasons given for his visit to Europe; but it is believed that, although out of office, his unofficial mission still has reference to the desired judicial reform in Egypt. He had a long audience of the Khedive before leaving, and, though in retirement, is really as high as ever in the Khedive's confidence and favour. Nor has the Egyptian Government at all relaxed its efforts to procure a change in the capitulations. The new foreign Minister, Riaz Pasha, has requested the Italian Government to permit an Italian jurist (Mr. Giacomo) to come out for the purpose of forming the new Egyptian Court of Final Appeal, of which it is proposed he shall be the President. The late change of Ministers may bring about a change of method, but not of measures. The moving power is not this or that Minister, but the Khedive himself, who is really a ruler of very great political ability, and who believes that the proposed judicial changes are indispensable for his country. Riaz Pasha has resumed negotiations for revising the treaty of commerce exactly where Nubar Pasha left them. The finances of Ramleh has so much improved the Khedive's wealth that it is now thought he will not leave Egypt this summer. If true this will be a great economy, and an additional proof of his Highness's desire to put its finances in order. The successful issue of the latter half (10,000,000*l.*) of 1873 loan has placed the Treasury in a very favourable position. Still, even this has not covered the whole of the floating debt, and the Government is negotiating a loan of 1,000,000*l.* with some of the banks here, chiefly the Anglo-Egyptian and the Bank of Alexandria. The rate will be very low compared with the fuels of other Eastern countries, and thus the Government will be carried well on into the new year. It is to be hoped that strict economy and judicious management here will prevent Egyptian securities from again falling into the undeservedly low repute in which they were held only two months back. The subscriptions to the National Loan being now nearly complete, a commission of Egyptian notables has been formed, with the special object of arranging its details and those of other financial matters now under consideration. The commission will be named the Commission for Revision of the Finances of Egypt. The latest news concerning Colonel Gordon is that the stores and personnel of the expedition have safely reached Condokoro, and will have started for the Great Lakes. Certain positions through which all trading parties in the [illegible] obliged to pass are to be most strictly guarded, and as the sale of arms and ammunition is forbidden under penalty of death, and none can trade or hunt elephants without a Government licence, a very short time will give the Egyptian authorities perfect control in those regions.

FRANCE AND THE CARLIST WAR.

(FROM THE "TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.)

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A SPANISH friend of unquestioned veracity who left Madrid a few weeks ago, and who, after staying for a short time in the south-west of France, within a short distance of the frontier, has arrived in Paris, has given me some interesting particulars of what he saw and observed between the two capitals. He came by way of Pamplona, and scarcely had he left the gates of that city when he and his travelling companions were stopped by Carlist patrols, who demanded their passports. Besides his passport from the Madrid Government, my informant had taken the precaution to provide himself with a letter from the President of the Carlist Junta of Madrid. For obvious reasons that gentleman's name is not made public, and it seemed to have little significance for the Carlist outposts, who, nevertheless, allowed the travellers to pass without the slightest molestation. On reaching Elisondo, a small town rather more than half way from Pamplona to the French frontier, by the central road, which goes through the pass of Maya, they had to go before the Central Carlist Junta there established. They were invited to do so with perfect courtesy, and during the whole of their journey through the country held by the Carlists they met with nothing else. The members of the Junta were on their way to Madrid, and asked them to be seated, and on being shown the letter from the President of the corresponding body at Madrid, the most manifested interest and inquired about the state of his health.

Passports were prepared for each, for which a peseta (16*d.*) had to paid. On entering France they were stopped by gendarmes and asked for passports. My informant offered the authorities their choice between the Madrid document and the one obtained at Elisondo, and found the latter much more valuable as presented and accepted as valid; in fact, the Carlist passport seems to be the only one recognized now upon that part of the French frontier.

The Department of the Basses Pyrenees, of which M. de Nadaillac is prefect, has become a Carlist depot. St. Jean de Luz is a Carlist port. Enrolments for the Carlist service are carried on almost openly, and [illegible] are said to be more than [illegible] Bayonne. Carlist [illegible] are [illegible] and [illegible] Spain—a man of moderate views, no partisan of the Republic in this one. It is the conviction of many who have had opportunities of observing what passed upon the spot, that, but for the [illegible] of Carlist arms, Don Carlos would have been [illegible] before now. The first great difficulty with the Carlists has always been money, but there was also another nearly as great, which was that of introducing arms and warlike stores into Spain. In the present case the former difficulty has been in great measure overcome by the institution of certain persons in France and England who have supplied the sinews of war; also by sacrifices made by wealthy Spaniards, other old adherents of Don Carlos, or persons so opposed to the Republic and so shocked by the state of anarchy and distress into which Spain has of late years fallen that they have espoused Carlism as affording, in their opinion, the sole remaining chance of a regular Government in that country. If the Junta and General of the Pretender have been able to lay out the resources thus provided to the best advantage, instead of having to pay enormous charges on articles smuggled into Spain at great risk, it is difficult to see the limit that the French frontier and markets have been open to them and that they have been put upon the footing of "the most-favoured nation." Of course, when Carlist passports are those most readily recognized upon the frontier there can be no obstacle to the Carlist officers entering France. It is said that they have been seen in uniform in some of the French frontier towns and villages. But of this I have no positive information. It is certain, however, that they do not wear in France the distinguishing Carlist headdress, the flat cap, the *boina* or *beret*, not usually adopted by persons of the higher class unless they are in the Carlist service, and which when worn by military men has usually a kind of plated knob in its centre, with a fringe or tassel spread out from it and the Pretender's initials cut in relief upon it. In short, it is manifest that Carlist officers and agents go to and fro as they list between France and Spain, and that they ship and despatch what they please for the Carlist armies. It has also been noticed much notice that, whereas Queen Isabella when expelled from Spain was not allowed by the French Government to take up her residence at Pau, or, at any rate, was so strongly advised and urged against doing so that it amounted to a prohibition, Princess Margaret has been suffered to remain there, and to assume the airs of royalty and keep up the state of a small Court.

All these favours granted to a cause thoroughly hateful to the great majority of the Spanish nation naturally produce the very worst effect so far as regards the feeling towards France beyond the Pyrenees. There is no attempt at masking the facilities afforded and which place the two contending parties on the same footing. Supplies are sent to the Carlists before the eyes of the authorities, and a story is told of a cart laden with ammunition, whose driver, overtaking two gendarmes trudging in the same direction, offered them a ride, and conveyed them safely to the frontier, where they alighted, and he drove into Spain. For all practical purposes the Carlists are recognized by France as belligerents; at least, it is difficult to say what more could be done for them had there been such formal recognition.

THE SHAH'S DIAMONDS.

(*Friend of India.*)

SINCE the visit to Europe of Shah Nasseroolddeen many books relating to Persia have appeared, and each has told us something of the royal treasure-house. One writer has allowed himself to be captivated by diamonds, another by emeralds, and a third by turquoises, each confining his remarks to a single class or class of gems. When we combine the whole we find a tolerably correct and credible narrative, which Mr. J. Piggot, the latest writer on Persia, has supplemented with reliable deductions and interesting speculations.

The home of the Magi has always been noted as an *El Dorado*. In the biography of Alexander it is stated that in the King's chamber there were kept five thousand talents, or three hundred thousand pounds' weight of refined gold and three thousand talents of silver coin. Above the impregnable mountain capital of Golden Sinai, whose grapes were formed from the most precious gems. The Crown Jewels, however, have seldom originated in the country whose Prince they adorn, nor have they been purchased by means of its surplus revenues. Successful conquerors have periodically enriched the Persian store, which, indeed, is nothing more nor less than the result of rapacity on a gigantic and, therefore, irreproachable scale. Other countries besides Persia have partaken of the spoil. The celebrated Orloff diamond, now in the Russian sceptre, is believed to have embellished the famous peacock throne. It is also said that this stone was originally found on an eye of the great idol of Seringham, and was stolen by a French deserter who became a priest of the temple in order to despoil the deity. Mr. Wilkie Collins' romance of *Moonstone*, which ranks high amongst weird works of fiction, owes its birth to this alleged fact. In the confusion that followed the assassination of Nadir Shah some speculative Armenians purchased the jewel from one of the dead monarch's generals. After passing through many hands it ultimately fell to the lot of Prince Orloff for nine lakhs, and was presented by him to Catherine II. The finest stone now in the Persian collection is the Darya Noor, or Ocean of Light, weighing a trifle over eighty-six carats. It is an oblong, one and a half inches in length, one broad, and three-eighths of an inch thick. It is quite plain, without the usual in length and has no little brilliancy that it has been compared with a "bit of very thick pale soap." Still the Persians love it, and it is the jewel decorated the sword of Afrasiab, who lived five thousand years ago. Both the Koh Noor and the Darya Noor were brought to this country by Timour, and here they remained till Nadir, when going through the ceremony of re-establishing the Persian monarch on the Delhi throne, remembered the old oriental custom of exchanging turbans in token of amity. The fallen Prince did not care to refuse the pledge, and thus to the dismay of king and court, the Mountain of Light passed to the treasury of Persia. There is a second fine diamond, weighing a hundred and fifty carats, called the Crown of the Moon, belonging to the Shah. This and the Peyrai Noor are set in a pair of bracelets worth a million sterling. Besides, there is the Taj-i-koma, or Diadem of the Pleiads, said to be as big as the top of a man's thumb. One writer has written that the Pitt or Regent diamond, sent by George IV., through Sir Harford Jones, to Futteh Ali Shah, at all appears in the form of a ring among the Persian jewels. Mr. Piggott disputes this statement, showing that the item is now set in the French Imperial diadem. It was acquired by Governor Pitt, of Madras, for about £48,000, or half its value. Much was said at the time with the intention of proving that he had procured it by unfair means, even Pope